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RUSSIA SHOWING HER HAND

London, To-day.

The political correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says that Russia has now begun to show her hand in the Middle East.

Unconfirmed rumours tell of a move towards the Caucasus, designed it is said, as a diversion from her Finnish campaign.

Turkey and the Allies have been watching these moves closely.

Anti-Turkish feeling is reported to have been worked up recently in Russia and a press campaign against Iran has broken out.

Diplomatic circles are asking whether this indicates a move against the Iran oil wells.

The correspondent adds that Turkey is well prepared for any eventuality and has no fears of the consequences of Soviet propaganda against herself. It is well-known that the Turkish military authorities are in the closest touch with General Weygand, the French Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, and General Wavell, the British Commander-in-Chief of all troops, which represent a considerable number, in the Middle East. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh fine generally.

FINNS IN FIRM CONTROL OF SITUATION: NONE OF SECOND LINE POSTS TAKEN

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

HEAVY SNOW IS NOW FALLING OVER THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS, HOLDING UP OPERATIONS AND BRINGING A WELL-EARNED RESPIRE TO THE FINNISH FORCES MANNING THE MANNERHEIM LINE.

Finnish quarters, meantime, discredit reports which have been circulated announcing the capture by the Russians of Koivisto, the fortress which controls the Gulf of Finland, 12 miles from Viborg.

It is asserted that none of the Finnish second line positions, to which they retreated last week, have been penetrated by the Soviets, and that reports of the fall of Taipale, at the other extremity of the Mannerheim Line, are equally false.

Several attacks have been launched at these two critical points, but all have been repulsed.

154TH DIVISION LOST

The Russians continue their attempts to relieve the 154th Division trapped in the Kuhmo sector, but reliable reports indicate that the effort is now in vain as the division has been virtually annihilated. Hundreds who have not fallen to the bullets of Finnish sharpshooters have perished of cold and famine.

The Soviet 64th Division is still having a desperate time north of Lake Ladoga. This is the division which was thrown into an attack along the shores of the lake with the purpose of threatening the rear of the Finnish positions at Taipale.

Their lines of communication have

been cut, and they are suffering severely while retreating in good order.

HEAVY AIR ATTACKS

Between 500 and 600 Soviet bombers caused heavy destruction in many parts of Finland yesterday, concentrating on the southern sector, on towns and villages behind the Mannerheim Line.

Many aircraft on both sides are reported to have been shot down in furious air-battles.—Reuter.

SOVIET ATTACKS REPULSED

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique reports more Soviet attacks in the Karelian Isthmus. It is claimed the attacks were repulsed with heavy Soviet losses and numerous tanks were destroyed.

The Finnish air force effected reconnaissance flights behind the enemy lines and several times bombed enemy troop concentrations.

In the course of air battles 17 Red planes were shot down. — Reuter.

NORWAY WILL NOT INTERN. ALTMARK

Oslo, To-day.

Norway has no intention of internment the Altmarm.

The Norwegian Foreign Minister said yesterday that the German Government can dispose of the ship as it wishes.

"It is none of our business," he said.—Reuter.

READY FOR FIRM ACTION

Paris, To-day.

France is ready to take strong measures with Britain for reprisals if Norway does not protect her waters from belligerent use, it is officially announced in Paris.

France and Britain, says the statement, are prepared to act together to make sure that no future acts of war are permitted to develop within Scandinavian waters.

France will welcome any steps taken by Norway to put the Altmarm case before the League of Nations; she stands behind Britain, however, in the action of the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

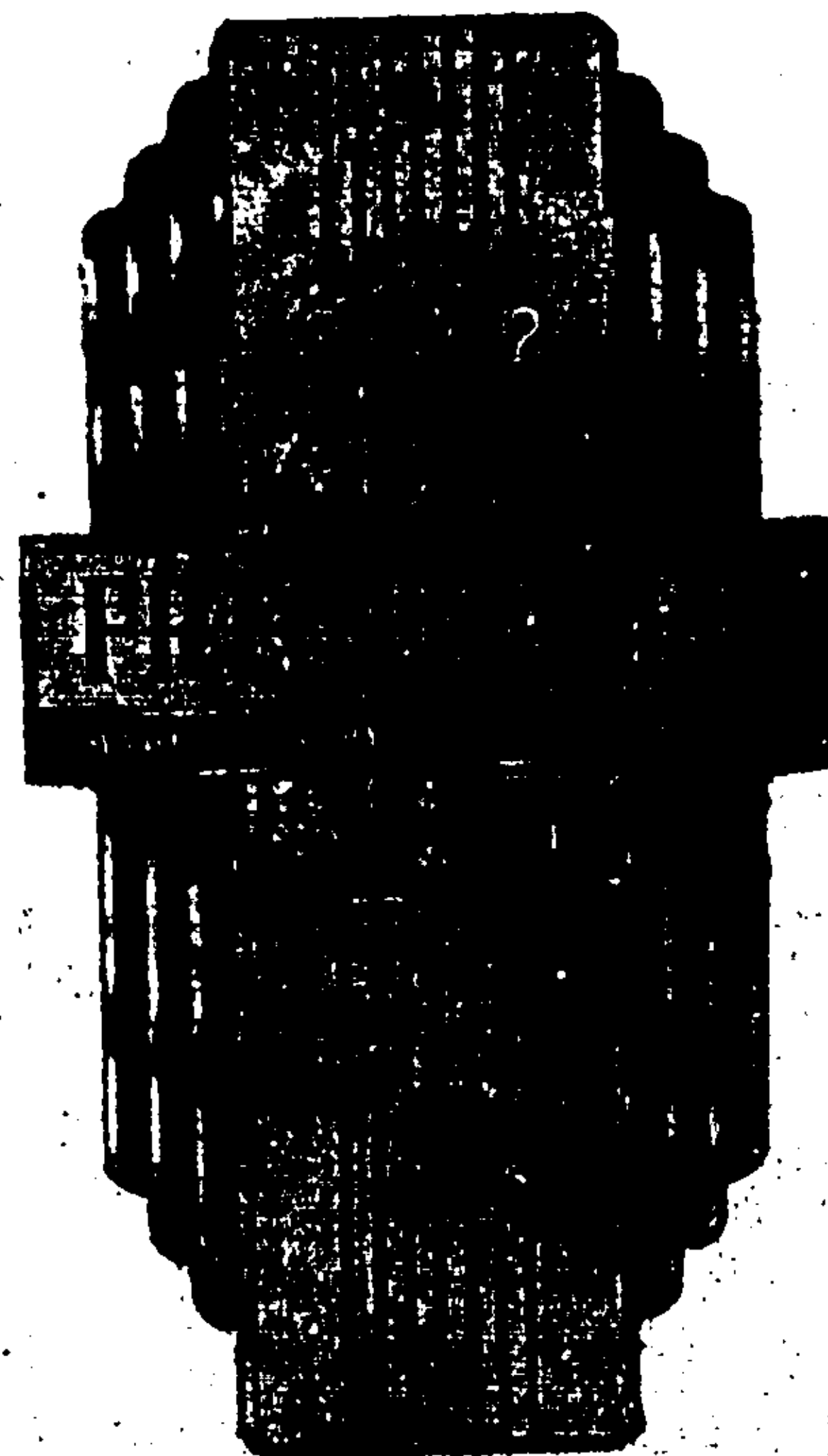
NEW SHARE ISSUE BY ELECTRIC CO.

An important announcement, of a recommendation to increase the share capital of the Hong Kong Electric Company from \$6,000,000 to \$18,000,000, is made this morning.

Some \$3,000,000 in the form of undivided profits will, it is proposed, be issued as bonus shares.

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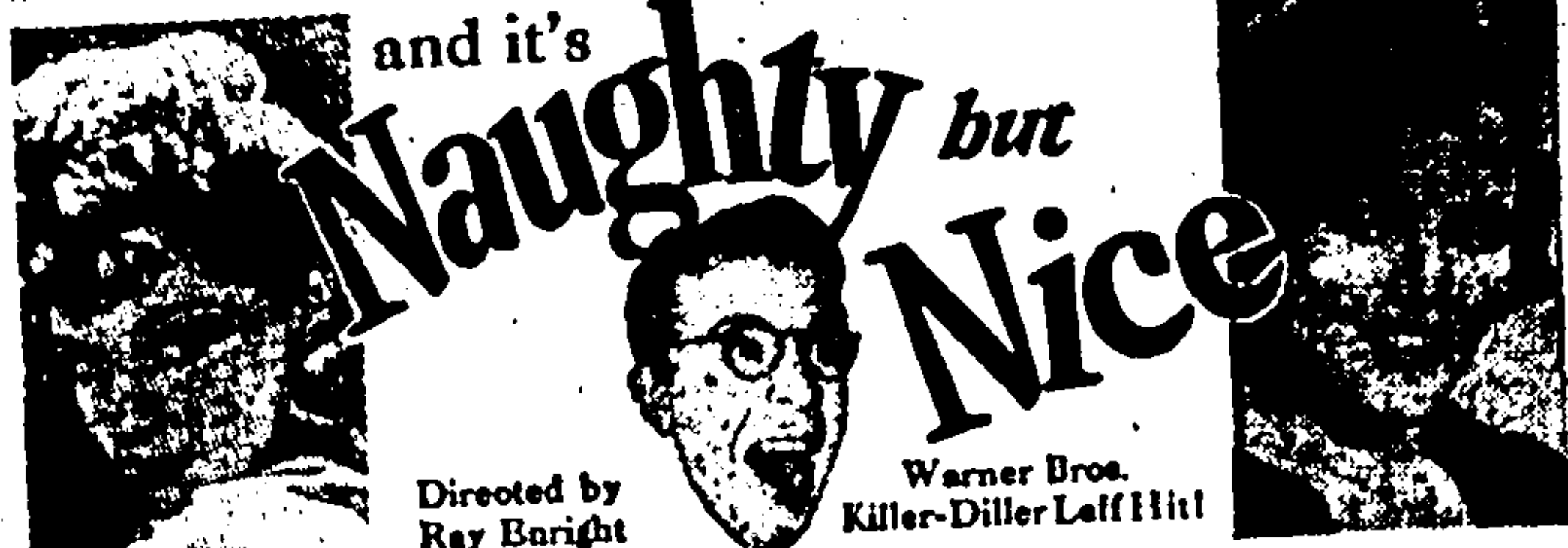
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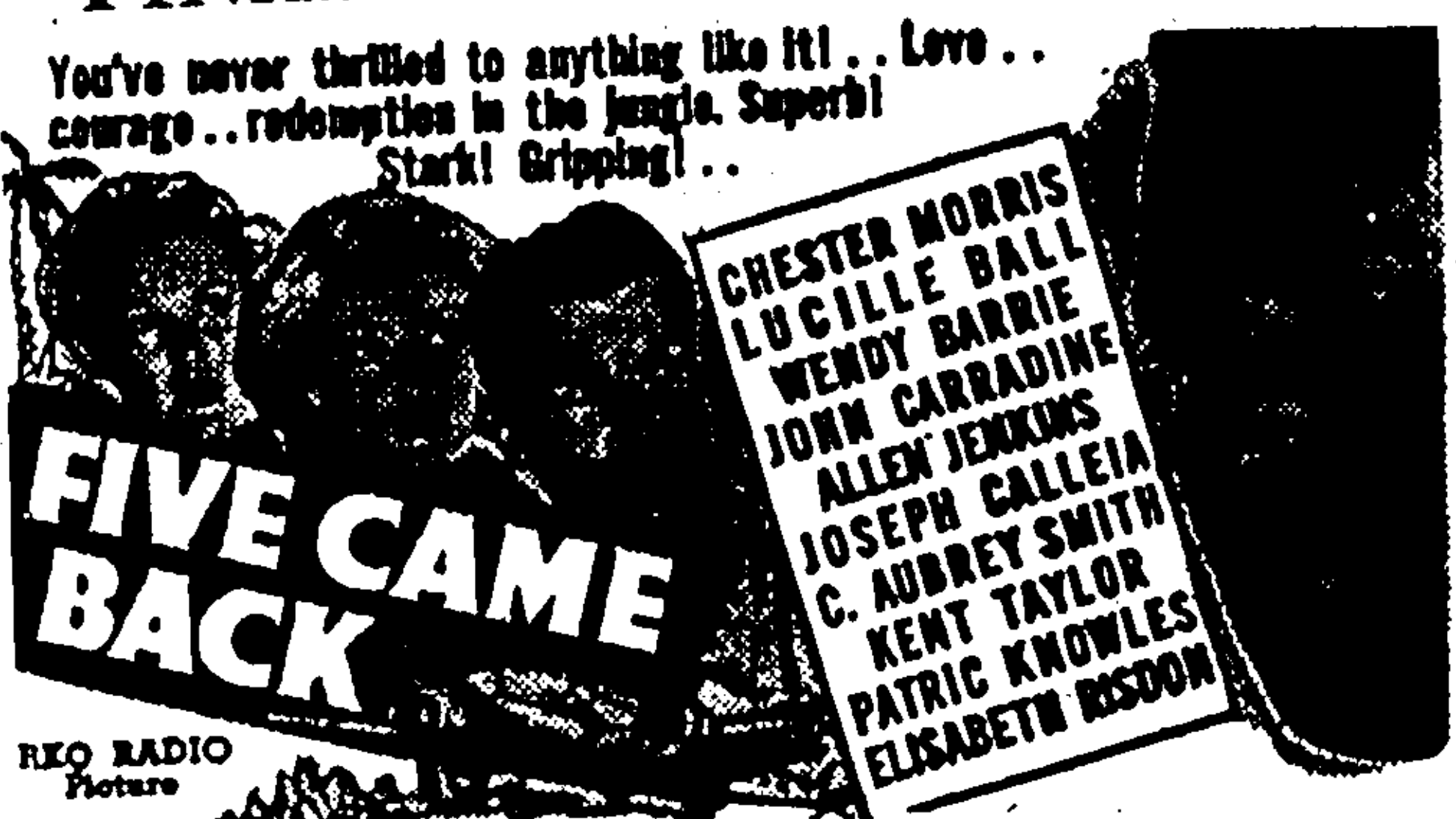
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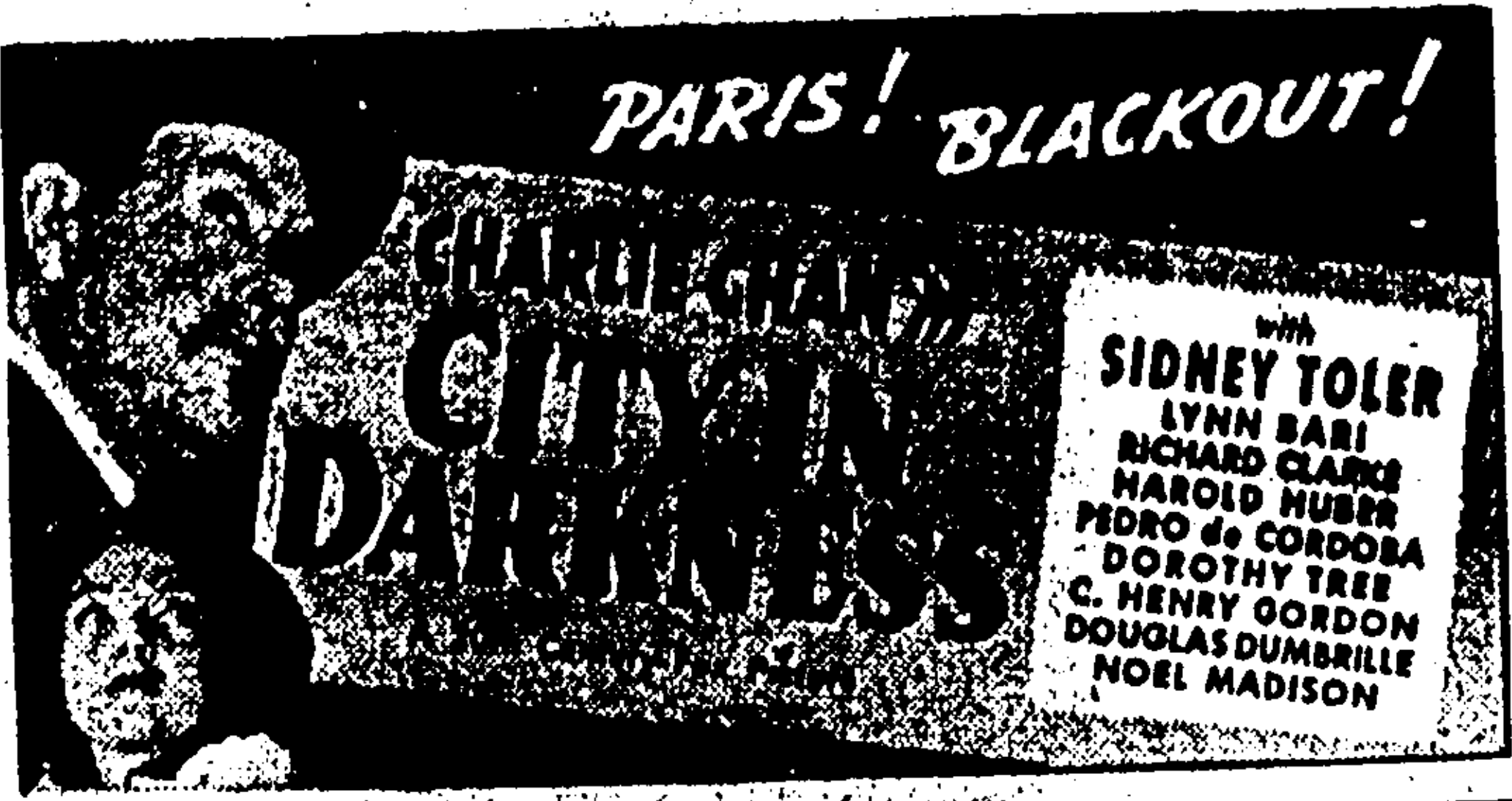
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LEGAL ACTION FOR RELEASE OF BRITISH CARGOES

London, To-day.

BRITISH INTERESTS HAVE decided to take legal action to secure the release of British cargoes from German ships lying in neutral ports. The step follows the breakdown of negotiations under Board of Trade license with the German owners for the release of British cargoes.

At a meeting of British cargo-owners yesterday it was stated that £150,000 worth of cargoes had been handed to the owners in cases where such cargoes could be obtained against payment on the basis of a five per cent. refund contribution.

With the rupture in negotiations, however, it was no longer proposed to allow the Germans to release individual cargoes where it suited them, and it was necessary to take such concerted legal action in selected cases as would convince the Germans that they would be wise to make an agreement for general release. — Reuter.

REASON FOR BREAKDOWN

Reporting to the London Chamber of Commerce on the circumstances leading to the breakdown of negotiations with German shipowners regarding the release of British cargoes, Colonel Harding said that concession after concession had been made to the Germans but at the very moment it was expected that an agreement would be signed they advanced fresh demands, such as a refund to German exporters of moneys which had been surrendered to the British custodian of enemy property.

These demands could not be accepted and the negotiations were broken off. — British Wireless.

TURKISH WAR COUNCIL

Ankara, To-day.

The Turkish co-ordination committee, presided over by the Premier, M. Saydam, established under the emergency defence law "for the protection of the nation," was put into force yesterday.

Other members of the committee will be the Ministers of National Defence, Finance, National Economy, Agriculture, Commerce and Transport. — Reuter.

BRITISH WARSHIPS OFF PETSAMO?

Oslo, To-day.

Rumours of the presence of British warships off northern Norway were again circulating yesterday in Kirkenes, but nothing is known of them at ports along the coast.

Visibility at sea was greatly reduced by a raging snowstorm and returning fishermen stated they had seen no signs of British naval activity. — Reuter.

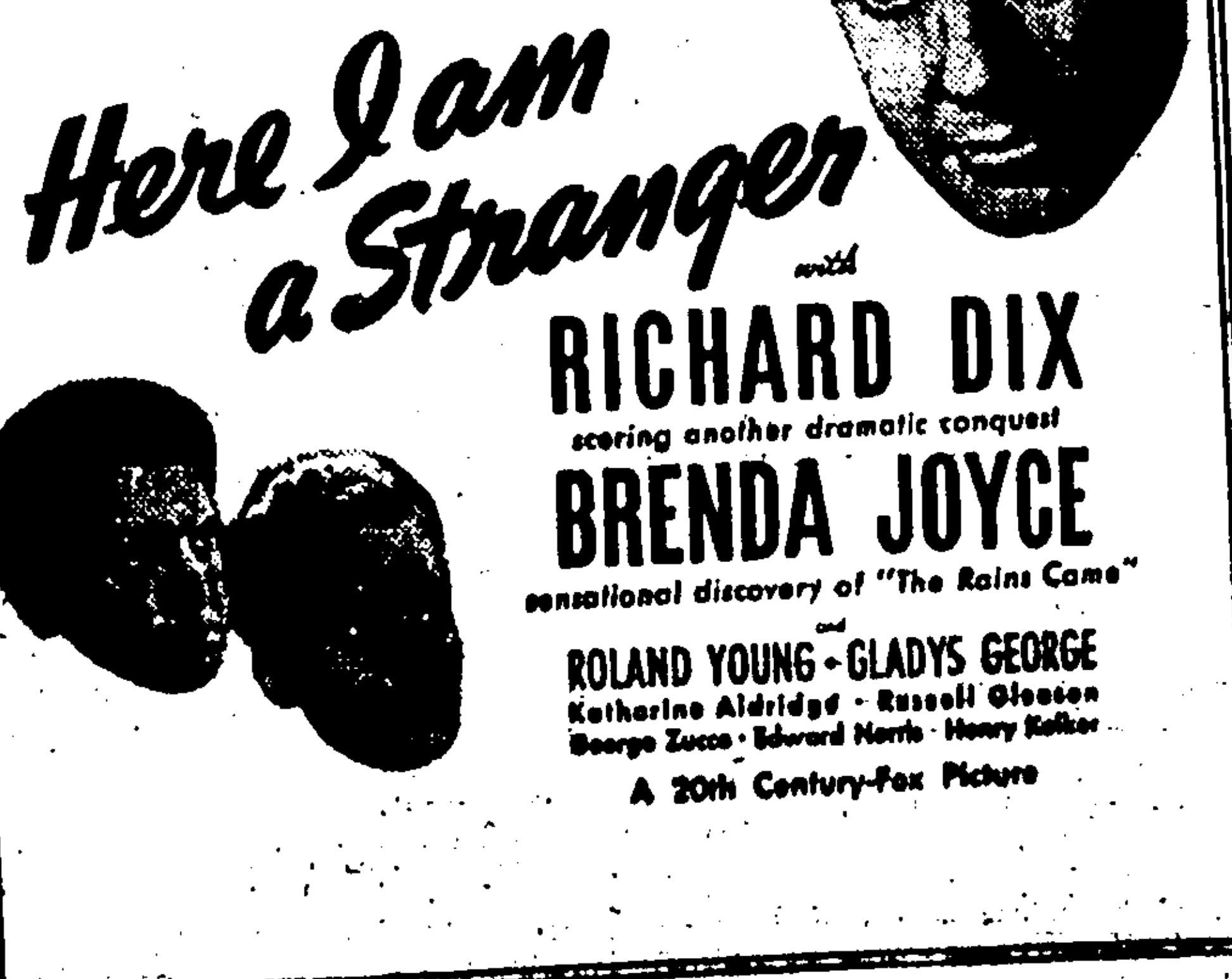
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RUMANIAN BID FOR STABILITY IN BALKANS

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Bucharest, To-day.

RUMANIAN DIPLOMACY has achieved a great step towards the maintenance of peace in the Balkans by establishing a basis for political and economic co-operation between the Balkan and Near East countries, in the opinion of observers here commenting on the Rumanian Finance Minister's departure for the Bulgarian capital. The political efforts taken by Rumanian in co-operation with Turkey seem to have been successful up to a point where they permit of serious economic discussions.

A definite possibility now exists that the smaller nations of South-Eastern Europe will drop for the time being their quarrels and claims to oppose a common barrier to Russian and German ambitions.

From the economic point of view the creation of a new Foreign Trade Ministry in Budapest has paved the way for a re-orientation of Rumanian commerce.

The Finance Minister's conversations in the Bulgarian capital will be followed by the visit of a Rumanian trade delegation to Belgrade, the Yugo-Slav capital.

OTHER CONVERSATIONS

Conversations have also begun with the Near East countries and Rumania will possibly soon become the biggest importer of wood oil and certain manufactured objects to Palestine, Syria and Egypt.

This activity, however, may lead to

serious complications as Germany and Russia, which have tried to draw Bulgaria into their orbit, might take violent action in order to break the peace bloc which is now being formed in South-East Europe. — Havas.

EUROPEAN LAD KILLED IN FALL FROM ROOF

A shocking accident occurred at Gap Road yesterday when a European boy, only 6½ years of age, fell 80 feet from the roof of No. 5, Gap Road, and was killed. The lad, Thomas Iant, was playing on the roof and lost his balance.

Parents of the child are Sergeant Iant, of the Royal Corps of Signals, and Mrs. Iant, with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

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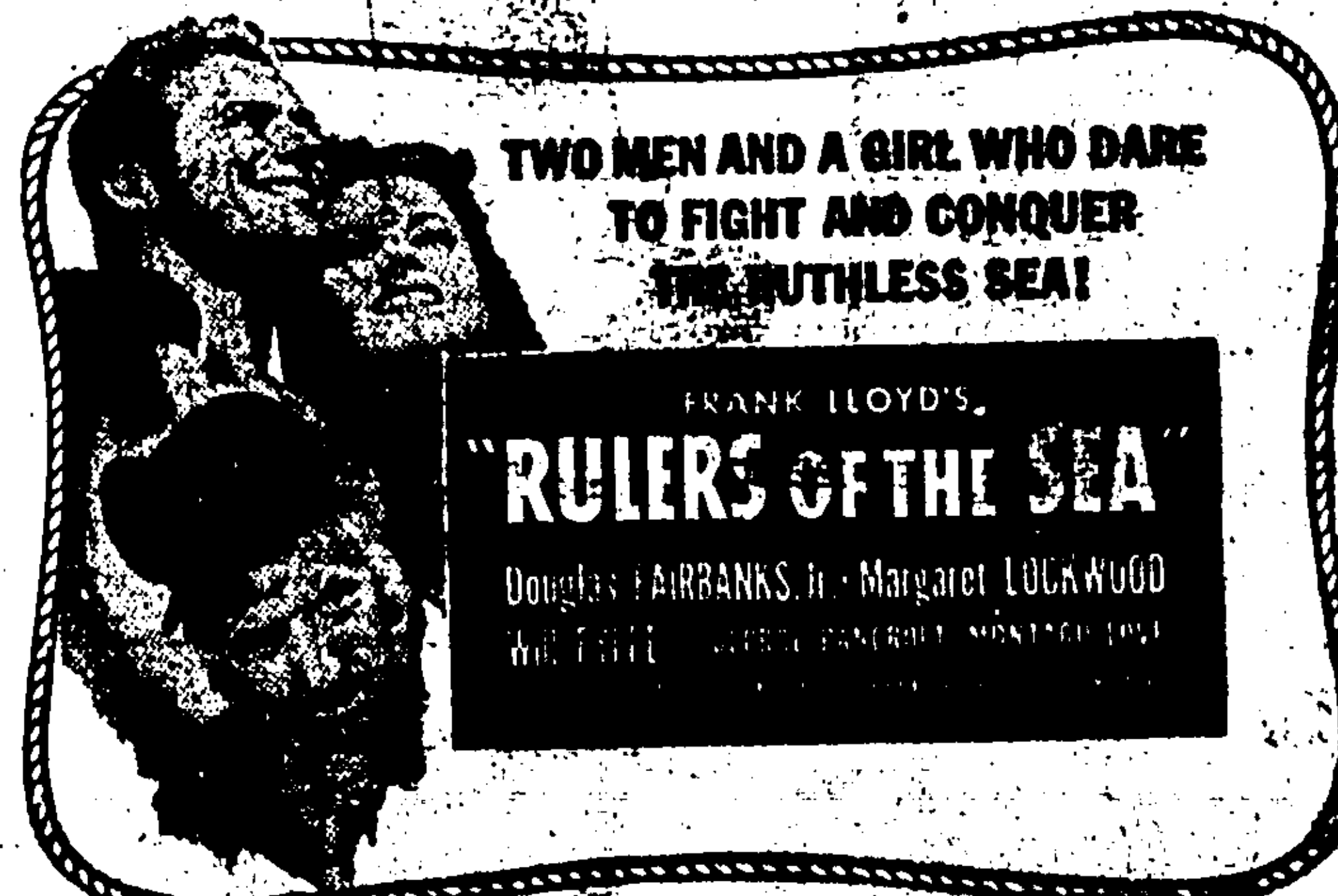
Dramatic scenes along the Mannerheim line. French shelling the Siegfried Line with 400 millimeter guns. Finnish troops capture ill-clad Soviet soldiers and put them to work. The 1st division of Canadian troops reviewed by the war secretary. British submarine "Ursula" after sinking a Nazi cruiser near Wilhelmshaven. Russian planes continue merciless raids. The Pope and King exchange visits. Duchess of Windsor "does her bit," etc. etc. etc.

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DUTCH FIRE ON FOREIGN AIRCRAFT

The Hague, To-day.
Dutch anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on foreign planes of unknown nationality near Den Helder during the night, says an official announcement.—Reuter.

MR. CASEY ARRIVES IN U.S.A.

Washington, To-day.
Mr. R. G. Casey, first Australian Minister to the United States, arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Casey will see Secretary of State Cordell Hull to-day and will be received by President Roosevelt when the latter returns from his cruise.

Mr. Casey declared to the press yesterday that he believed the establishment of an Australian Legation in Washington and an American Legation in Canberra would lead to closer relations between the two countries.

Australia, partly with the assistance of American supplies, was making a gigantic effort to help Britain in the war.

Through manufacture and purchase she was gathering 2,500 training planes with which to build a corps

ROME, TO-DAY.
THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, COUNT CIANO, IS GOING TO NAPLES TO MEET MR. SUMNER WELLES, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR IN EUROPE, ON BOARD THE REX ON SUNDAY.

Count Ciano will probably accompany Mr. Welles to Rome by train.

MEDIATION QUESTION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MR. ERNEST SHINWELL (LABOUR, SEAHAM) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD CONSIDER AN APPROACH TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS OR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WITH A VIEW TO OFFERING MEDIATION IN THE RUSSO-FINNISH DISPUTE.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who replied, recalled that the mediation of the League of Nations was offered on December 12 and this was accepted by Finland but rejected by the Soviet.

It was open to the Finnish Government and the Soviet at any time to invite or accept the mediation of any third party, but His Majesty's Government had no authority to intervene between a third party and two belligerent governments.—Reuter.

of tens of thousands of airmen.

DOMINATED BY WAR EFFORT

Australia was manufacturing planes based on the North American Aircraft Corporation's plans, and of these about six were being turned out every week. Altogether Australia's original programme for the manufacture of 350 planes annually had doubled or trebled.

Mr. Casey added: "Australia at this moment is dominated by the war effort we are making."—Reuter.

A Government dinner has been arranged in the visitor's honour in the Villa Madama, where Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax stayed during their visit to the Italian capital.

According to the tentative programme Signor Mussolini will receive Mr. Welles on Monday, after which the American Under-Secretary of State will proceed to Berlin.

No arrangements have been made for an audience with the Pope but it is expected that Mr. Welles will discuss world politics with His Holiness on the conclusion of his tour of the European capitals.

By special permission of the Pope the ceremony of Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's special envoy to the Vatican, presenting his credentials, will be filmed. The ceremony will take place early in March.—Reuter.

U.S. Entry Into War Predicted

Washington, To-day.
According to a Moscow radio announcement, Russia believes that the impending European tour of Mr. Sumner Welles is a prelude to the entry of the United States into the war.

Just before Mr. Welles left, it is learned here, President Roosevelt received word that the German Government is willing to enter on peace negotiations now, but it is also prepared to intensify the war and reduce Europe to a shambles if the Allies want to go on fighting.—Reuter.

N.Z. LABOUR ENDORSE PEACE AIMS

WELLINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE NEW ZEALAND LABOUR PARTY AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF LABOUR YESTERDAY ENDORSED THE PEACE AIMS OF THE BRITISH LABOUR PARTY AS ENUNCIATED BY MR. C. R. ATTLEE.

The conference stated there would be no conscription in New Zealand while Labour was in power and made a declaration in favour of freedom of speech and opinion.

The statement declared: "To fail to render the fullest support in the fight against Nazism would be to brand the Labour movement as politically irresponsible, or worse."—Reuter.

RUMANIAN REPLY

London, To-day.
It is learnt in informed London circles that the Rumanian Minister in London has handed a Note to the British Foreign Secretary containing information asked for by Lord Halifax concerning the functions of the recently appointed Rumanian oil board and the present position of Rumanian oil supplies to Germany.

The British Government is considering this reply but no statement as to the impression it has made is yet available.—British Wireless.

14,000-TON NAZI SHIP TO RUN FOR IT

New York, To-day.
The German 14,000-ton freighter Antonio Delino is ready to sail from Bahia (Brazil) with a million dollar cargo, according to a "New York Times" despatch from Rio de Janeiro. The ship's captain declares he will not permit her capture.—Reuter.

PAINFUL REITERATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY TO MAKE A CATEGORICAL DECLARATION ON BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, DECLARED HE COULD SEE NO OBJECT IN ADDING TO THE CATEGORICAL DECLARATIONS ALREADY MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE PURPOSES OF GREAT BRITAIN IN THE WAR. (CHEERS).—REUTER.

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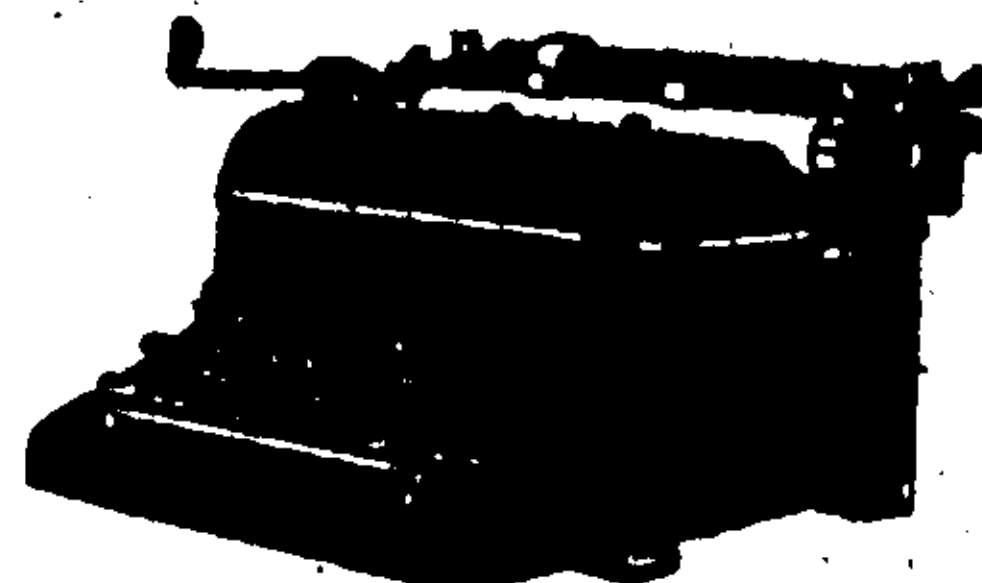
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They did not seize the chance to launch a lightning war at the opening of the struggle. But lightning war does not mean a type of attack which develops on the instant war breaks out. It can begin any day.

Further the Germans say the fact that they have launched a naval war which they are carrying on with all their might does not interfere with their conception of a lightning war.

The tip-and-run war at sea is necessary to them in any case. For the destruction of British ships at the outset of the war is more valuable to the Germans than destruction later on. The more British vessels they

They have had their money's worth out of the bomber. It did them good service in peace. But now war has come. And in war the fighter rides the skies while the bomber shirks the battle and skulks in the clouds.

The bomber is built to carry a considerable weight of petrol and bombs. In order to bear a heavier burden than the fighter, it must have a bigger wing-spread. And so it must be slower.

The fighter carries machine-guns and not bombs. It carries less petrol in its tanks. For while the bomber is built for flights of, maybe fifteen hours, many fighters are designed to stay not much more than one hour in the air.

So the bomber has fallen far short of expectations. I believe that on all the British and German bomber expeditions since war began where the bombers have reached their objectives the loss of machines has been 50 per cent.

Here I am speaking of bombers alone. For, of course, there have been fighter raids too.

Now a rate of casualties of 50 per cent. means that bomber pilots will not be ordered to attack heavily-defended positions. It is too much to expect of them. The strain of facing a toll of 50 per cent. on each raid is too severe.

Thoughtless people may say that battalions at the front in the last war suffered losses of 50 per cent. without being destroyed as fighting units. But such cases are not comparable with a 50 per cent. loss on every bombing raid. The battalion was not expected to suffer such losses on every fighting day. After a major battle it was withdrawn from the line or sent to a quiet sector.

The balloon barrage is also a terror to raiding bombers. These balloon defences are a complete success. They have brought down more airplanes than the anti-aircraft guns. But if the public judges those guns by their failure to produce casualties among the enemy, the public makes a mistake. The men of the fighter patrols realise fully the value of the guns to Britain's defences.

The failure of the bomber is not the only surprise of the war in the air. The airplane has proved to be a much more hardy weapon than had been supposed. It can take a great deal of punishment without being put out of action.

This is true in particular of British machines. We put better materials and better workmanship into our air fleet. We reap the reward of a tougher and more lasting product.

Now in estimating Britain's chances in air warfare, the personality of the Air Minister must be considered. Sir Kingsley Wood commands the confidence of the public. He is believed to have energy and drive. That is what we need most of all.

Yet in spite of Sir Kingsley Wood's high standing with the people, there is a persisting anxiety about the Air Ministry. Questions are asked about the output of our factories. About spare parts and repairs.

But if there is some doubt about the effectiveness of the Air Ministry in securing the production we require, the French, on the other hand, are praised for increasing their output.

They have made a real success of their aircraft construction. I am told by students of airpower that their output was 30 a month before the war and is now 450 a month—and no nonsense about it!

If you take the estimate provided by responsible American newspapers, then you put the British output at a total of 1250 machines a month. That would be a very pleasing result.

Let me say at once that I do not accept the American figure, but if the total is anywhere near that mark, the position is very satisfactory indeed.

Properly balanced between bombers and fighters, our output should be



strong enough to give us the upper hand in a defensive war. And that is the type of war we should conduct if the time comes for a German attack involving the simultaneous use of all their weapons.

On that day the battle will be decided. If our defences are as strong as I believe them to be, the Germans will be defeated. They may even emerge triumphant from the combat and still be beaten through the losses they have sustained in the process of winning the engagement.

I do not believe that the Germans would be able to develop a second lightning war after the first had failed in its purpose.

Would there, then, be a counter-attack by the Allies? Are we facing a war of exhaustion? And if not, how will peace come?

PROSPECT OF VICTORY

Fourth article of the series. In previous articles Mr. Thomson discussed

- (1) the war leaders, manpower and supplies;
- (2) the possible fields for new Hitler invasions;
- (3) the war at sea and Hitler's attack on our shipping.

The last war was a war of exhaustion. There was little tactics about it and no strategy. Armies sat down in trenches and battered one another with steel. Generals piled up manpower for mass attacks on fortified positions. They could not think of anything else to do.

In particular, they entirely failed to devise any new weapon, or system which would overcome the problems set by siege warfare.

But the last war was an exception. There is no reason to suppose that we are facing a war of exhaustion this time. The trouble is, however, that the politicians and the generals were thinking in terms of 1916. They talk of wearing the enemy down, of tiring him out.

But this war will not be fought out to the point of exhaustion. It will conform to the pattern of so many of our wars. It will end in negotiation.

Certainly, before that day can come, the Germans will probably have tried—and failed—to break our front on land. They will have hit out here and there. They will have been compelled to recognise that their sea war has failed to give the results, and that their air weapon has been kept too long in the hangars.

When that day comes, with the recognition of failure I will expect to see changes in the German Government, the emergence of peacefully minded men, the departure of the men who hate Britain.

And peace will be made, I believe, on the basis of recognising the right of Britain and France to a real measure of security, backed by guarantees that can be relied on.

We are entitled to expect tranquillity in Europe, and frontiers that will give to the peoples the freedom in which they may seek happiness and contentment in their legitimate pursuits.

Frontiers may not be the same as they were. Where the boundary posts will stand depends on how long the war lasts and how far it spreads. But boundary posts move back and forth, while these things are eternal.

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By
George Malcolm Thomson

sink now the stronger will their position be when the moment for the lightning war arrives.

When that time comes, the Germans declare that they will be using their air weapon for the first time. So far they have used it in a sporadic way only. If they use it, we shall discover what it is worth.

But already we know that the Germans made mistakes before war broke out, in building up their air force. They acted on a wrong principle.

They built few fighters. But they built many bombers. Their air arm consisted mostly of bombers.

The bomber was the instrument they relied on to strike terror into the hearts of their enemies. By the mere threat to send their bombing machines into the sky the Nazis won important victories.

STATEMENT ON COAL SITUATION

London, To-day.

A statement on the coal position was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Capt. Euan Wallace, Minister of Transport.

Capt. Wallace said the protracted spell of bad weather, including particularly heavy falls of snow and the prevalence of fog and other wintry conditions at sea, which were the counterpart in Britain of the unprecedented ice-bound conditions which had prevailed throughout Europe, had created an increased demand for coal while at the same time interfering with transport.

Arrangements had been made to accelerate the movements of coal, and he hoped that the situation in areas where there had been a shortage of coal would soon be relieved.

Additional supplies of coal to augment the London and south of England supplies were being arranged, and an increase of 70,000 tons per week involving 143 trains per week would thus reach the south.

Passage of this coal would necessitate a considerable reduction of the passenger services on the main railway lines between Newcastle and London.—Reuter.

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The Reich Has Been Warned: It Is Hoped She Will Feel Less At Home In Neutral Waters

INTERNATIONAL COMMENT ON ALTMARK INCIDENT: BRITISH ACTION APPROVED

London, To-day.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS continues to discuss the rescue of the British prisoners from the Altmark. The London correspondent of "Giornale d'Italia" states that despite the present dispute, Anglo-Norwegian good relations will not be disturbed.

The Montevideo newspaper "El Plata" headlines "Boarding of the Altmark. A crime has been avoided. Humanity should celebrate the fact." The Swiss newspaper "Le Journal" says: "The Norwegian Parliament's intention to make Norwegian neutrality respected arouses the greatest interest in Switzerland, which is confronted by a task equally delicate."

"But despite the moving speeches, the Altmark affair originated in the Norwegian error in the interpretation of the duty of neutrals."

"The Reich has been warned by the daring exploit of the British destroyer. It is to be hoped she will consider herself somewhat less at home in neutral territorial waters, and that Norway will take more efficient precautions to prevent a repetition of the incident."—Reuter.

Norwegians Feel Lack Of Understanding

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the Commons on the Altmark case was the subject of comment in neutral countries yesterday, as was to be expected.

While the Norwegian press regrets what it feels is a lack of understanding of Norway's position by Britain, the Swedish paper "Dagens Nyheter" declares that the case has all along been a question of the interests of the great powers concerned and not a question of right and wrong.

The paper complains that Germany has objected to the publication in neutral newspapers of interviews with the prisoners of the Altmark in connection with the treatment they were given.

Interesting comment comes from the other side of the world, from the Argentine magazine "Caras y Caretas," which says that no one has been deceived as to the real object behind the howls and shrieks which have come from Germany over the Altmark case.

Hitler is building up for some extraordinary act of aggression and seeks to prepare the ground to "justify" it. Since when, the magazine asks, has Hitler found international law worthy of respect?

WHAT WOULD NAZIS HAVE DONE?

We can well imagine, the magazine continues, what would have happened in the Altmark case if the tables had been turned—if it had been an English ship with German prisoners on board.

The German squadron would have attacked it, rescued the prisoners, taken possession of the ship and its crew, and if the Norwegians had protested too much would have proceeded to sink the Norwegian torpedo-boats and shelled the coast.—Reuter.

ROCKEFELLER GIFT

New York, To-day.

Ex-President Herbert Hoover has announced the receipt of a donation of \$100,000 from Mr. John Rockefeller, Jr., for the Finnish Relief Fund.—Reuter.

NAVAL APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Kennedy-Purvis has been appointed Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies, in succession to Admiral Sir Sidney Meyrick, from March, 1940.—Reuter.

THE NEW APPROACH IN COLONIAL POLICY

London, To-day.

MOST OF THE BRITISH PRESS commented yesterday on the Government's White Paper on Colonial Policy, and few of them have anything but praise for what is regarded as the entering into a new period.

Congratulations are general and the general impression is perhaps summed up by "The Times," which says that the fact that a war is going on has not been made an excuse for preventing necessary measures from being put into effect.

The "Daily Mail" says that this is not a reward for the great war efforts of the Colonies. It would have come about, war or no war.

Some papers take heart in the fact that the Government's plans are for 10 years ahead (20 years ahead in the case of the West Indies). This calm, long-sighted policy is considered most encouraging at a time when the Empire is facing one of the most critical periods of its history.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that it is a fulfilment of Joseph Chamberlain's policy. The scheme is founded on his own conception of the Empire, in which the sense of possession gives place to the sense of obligation.

DISCORDANT NOTE

The only really discordant note is struck by the "Daily Express" which complains that while the Government passes the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the West Indies it does not reveal that committee's report.

The "Manchester Guardian," however, points out that in normal times they would have been given the full report. It would, perhaps, have been the most striking document on colonial administration for centuries, but there are good reasons why it should not be published just now.—Reuter.

H.K. FLOUR EXPORT SUBSIDY INCREASED

New York, To-day.

The Department of Agriculture announces that flour export subsidy shipments to China and Hong Kong are being advanced 15 cents to \$1.40 per barrel, effective from yesterday.—Reuter.

SWEDISH POLICY APPROVED

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Parliament yesterday gave the Prime Minister an expression of confidence in his foreign policy.—Reuter.

PROF. KOHT STICKS TO HIS POINT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OSLO, TO-DAY.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN NORWAY'S STAND IN THE ALTMARK CASE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, PROF. KOHT, TOLD THE PRESS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVED NORWAY HAD ACTED IN CONFORMITY WITH BRITAIN'S OWN VIEW.

Prof. Koht said that as a sequel to conversations between Oslo and London in 1939 and 1940, Norway understood that Britain accepted the right of warships to navigate Norwegian territorial waters without consideration of the usually admitted 24 hours limit.

Having acted as auxiliary to the Graf Spee, the Altmark, he said, must be considered as a warship and therefore had the right to refuse to be searched.—Havas.

BRITAIN AWAITING OFFICIAL NOTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is learned reliably that Britain will not reply officially to the views expressed by the Norwegian Foreign Minister Prof. Koht, on the Altmark, and will wait for an official communication from Oslo.

The juridical aspect of the question is considered entirely clear and the main preoccupation now is what measures should be taken for stopping the unlawful use of Norwegian territorial waters by Germany.—Havas.

H.M.S. DARING LOSSES

London, To-day.

A list of casualties issued by the Admiralty in connexion with the loss of H.M.S. Daring gives the names of nine officers, including Lt-Comm. S. A. Cooper and 147 others as missing, believed drowned.—Reuter.

GERMANY INTRODUCES NEW POINT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE GERMAN SUGGESTION THAT BRITAIN HAD CREATED A PRECEDENT FOR CONVEYING PRISONERS THROUGH NEUTRAL WATERS BY TAKING THE CAPTURED GERMAN SHIP DUSSELDORF THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL, IT IS POINTED OUT IN LONDON THAT THE HAY-PAUNCEFORTH TREATY OF 1901 BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES FOR SUCH A CONTINGENCY.

Article Three of the treaty states that the Panama Canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and war of all nations on terms of equality, and that prizes shall in all respects be subject to the rules as vessels of war.

As the Dusseldorf was a prize, her passage through the Panama Canal was, therefore, provided for in the treaty governing the use of the Canal.—Reuter.

BALDUR AS DECOY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHING LONDON THE GERMAN TANKER BALDUR, WHICH IT WILL BE RECALLED, SCUTTLED HERSELF AT THE TIME OF THE ALTMARK EXPLOIT, WAS ACTING AS A DECOY STEAMER.

Both vessels had a number of similar features. Each was painted grey and had funnels astern.

When the Baldur scuttled herself it was presumably hoped that British vessels and aeroplanes in the neighbourhood would assume she was the Altmark and would give up the pursuit.

That such tactics were thought necessary is an interesting commentary on the German claim that the Altmark was an innocent merchant ship.—British Wireless.

FACILITIES TO NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE "WORLD-TELEGRAM" SEES IN THE ARRIVAL HERE OF THE OIL-TANKER SCANDINAVIA AN EXAMPLE OF THE FACILITIES GIVEN BY NORWAY TO GERMANY TO EVADE THE BRITISH BLOCKADE.

The Scandinavia was built at Hamburg, whence she proceeded to Oslo, sailing along the Danish coast. The ship was then entrusted to a Norwegian crew and sailed for New York by a route north of Scotland, it is believed.—Havas.

SINKING OF NEUTRALS

Scandinavian Countries To Confer On Issue

32 SWEDISH SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

Stockholm, To-day.

THE DAILY PERIL OF NEUTRAL shipping and the difficulties of neutral countries are to be discussed at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries at the end of the week, the Swedish Foreign Minister replied in answer to questions in the Swedish Parliament yesterday.

He continued that although both sides in the war used methods and defended them by arguments which neither Sweden nor the other neutrals could accept, no Swedish ships had been lost while in a British or French convoy.

On the other hand, Sweden had lost by torpedoing or mines no less than 32 cargo vessels, totalling 64,000 tons, while 228 Swedish seamen had perished and 15 were missing.

Seven of the ships, representing a quarter of the total tonnage, had been sunk by U-boats. Over half the total tonnage lost had been plying between neutral ports and only one-third of those lost through U-boat action were bound for Britain.

RULES BROKEN

He recalled the principles established in the London Agreement of 1936 regarding submarine warfare, and said that contrary to these principles, ships had been torpedoed although they had not refused to stop or undergo examination.

The Minister recalled that maritime warfare was characterised by the contraband control of the Western Powers, by which Swedish ships were forced to enter very dangerous zones, by extensive lists of contraband and by the intensive mine and submarine warfare.

Both sides used methods and defended them by arguments that neither, nor the other neutral countries, could admit.

The Minister drew a distinction between the reaction of neutral countries to what he described as violation on the open sea.

NEUTRAL RIGHTS

He said that in the former case a neutral country had every right to take every possible measure to oppose violation, but in the latter case direct measures were scarcely possible owing to the danger of involving the neutral in war.

Measures of indirect pressure against violation depended on circumstances.

Sweden took these possibilities into consideration in the trade negotiation with the belligerents.

The whole problem would be discussed at the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries at the end of the week.—Reuter.

SWEDEN NOT QUIESCENT

Stockholm, To-day.

It is learned that Sweden has rejected German demands that Swedish ships cease operating into Allied ports.

It is intimated that Sweden is prepared with measures of retaliation in the event of Germany carrying out the implied threat.—Reuter.

HELIGOLAND BIGHT AIR VISIT

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces: "On Tuesday night a reconnaissance of Heligoland Bight was carried out successfully by several R.A.F. aircraft."—British Wireless.

FINLAND REQUESTS SAFETY ZONES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Finland has formally requested the International Red Cross to help establish "Geneva" or "safety zones" where civilians would be safe from all attacks. Heretofore the steadfast alliance of the Soviets to all such proposals had prevented the establishment of safety zones.—Havas.

OPIUM AS WEAPON IN WARFARE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

"OPIUM MAY BE USED AND, in fact, is being used as a war weapon," Senor A. E. Blanco, president of the Anti-Opium Information Bureau of Geneva, declares in a Note made public yesterday.

BRITISH ARMS FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

Reuter learns, in connection with British help for Finland, that the following war supplies have been sent from this country to Helsinki:—

A total of 144 aircraft, of which 120 were fighters and 24 bombers. Between 40 and 50 of these planes have already reached Finland.

One hundred and fifty anti-tank rifles and ammunition;
Ten thousand anti-tank mines;
Fifty thousand hand-grenades;
Twenty-five howitzers;
One hundred machineguns and ammunition;

A considerable quantity of small arms ammunition;
Twenty-four anti-aircraft guns and ammunition;
Thirty field-guns;
Four hundred and sixty-one tanks;
Twelve 6-inch guns and ammunition;

Ten 3-inch mortars and ammunition.

In addition, considerable quantities of non-lethal military equipment have been sent, including respirators, gas decontamination items, tents, clothing and telephones.—Reuter.

LADY HALIFAX HOME

London, To-day.

Lady Halifax, wife of the Foreign Secretary, who has been on a short visit to Italy, arrived back yesterday in London. She had been in Rome since February 10 when she reached there with her son.—British Wireless.

ARREST OF BRITONS IN JAPAN

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reported in the House of Commons yesterday on the recent arrests of Britons in Japan.

He said the Rev. Mr. F. E. Watts, an Australian in charge of the Kobe branch of the Mission to Seamen; Mr. H. J. Griffiths, of the firm of J. L. Thompson and Co., and Mr. V. O. Peters had been detained by the Japanese police since January 17.

Precise nature of the charges against them had not yet been officially specified.

"REASONABLY GOOD"

His Majesty's Consul-General at Kobe had visited Mr. Watts and Mr. Griffiths twice and reports that they are in reasonably good health. It had not yet been possible for him to visit Mr. Peters.

The Foreign Secretary was in constant communication with our Ambassador in Tokyo on developments in these cases.—Reuter.

ABDUCTED BRITISH AGENTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ASKED FOR INFORMATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY REGARDING THE PRESENT ABODE OF MAJOR STEVENS AND CAPT. PAYNE BEST, THE BRITISH OFFICERS ABDUCTED BY THE GERMANS NEAR THE DUTCH FRONTIER LAST YEAR, MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DECLARED THAT AS FAR AS WAS KNOWN THESE TWO OFFICERS AT PRESENT WERE IN BERLIN.

There was no question of these officers conveying peace proposals on behalf of His Majesty's Government, Mr. Butler continued.

All they were authorised to do was to listen to and report on an approach that had been made from the German side.

The exact nature and source of this approach could not be ascertained, owing to the forcible abduction on Netherlands territory of these officers by agents of the German Government.—Reuter.

ORDER TO DANISH SHIPPERS

Copenhagen, To-day.

It is officially announced that no Danish ship will be allowed to navigate in the North Sea unless accompanied by another neutral vessel. The regulations do not apply to Danish vessels engaged in overseas trade.—Havas.

ANOTHER ANATOLIA EARTHQUAKE

Ankara, To-day.

Thirty were killed and forty injured yesterday in a severe earthquake shock which affected Northern Anatolia in the same area as was devastated at the end of last year.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC AIR FEEDER

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons whether the Air Ministry would consider a feeder service between London and Lisbon and thereby accelerate the Atlantic air mail, Sir Kingsley Wood said he was hopeful that facilities for flight over the countries concerned would shortly be accorded and that it would then be possible to inaugurate the service.—British Wireless.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

Considerable interest and enthusiasm have been evoked in London and in the country generally by the recent appeal of the Finnish Legation for volunteers.

It is known that many persons, particularly those experienced in skiing and mountaineering, have come forward.—British Wireless.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE WAY TO PEACE

Chances for the United States government to restore peace to Europe are zero or minus, except in the sense of serving as the agency through which the basic factors removing the causes of war may operate. The American people and their government are utterly helpless in dealing with the force which set the war machines in motion, the same forces which have to be disposed of before the basis of lasting peace is established.

However, repeated and continuing American efforts to turn the situation toward peace are not out of place. Neither are they deserving of anything except warm approval of all the forces of Europe and the rest of the world sincerely desiring peace on the lasting basis of international justice. All the United States can do now is to provide the agency through which the natural forces can work, when or if they are ready to work. Only the super-optimist can believe that they are ripe for much effective activity right now, but it is most important that they can have a prepared place in or through which they can operate when the time comes.

It is possible for the trial balloonists of the peace-promoting camp to bungle their efforts and to do positive harm. Washington has to take that into consideration, undoubtedly has.

The situation which is covered by many layers of political window-dressing and sealed with military censorship has to be radically different from that which appears on the surface if the basis of real peace is present or near. But even on this point the uncertainties are enormous and it is nothing but bad business to surrender to the arguments of the defeatists. Washington is fully justified in acting on the one-out-of-a-million chance, acting in such way as to leave the door of opportunity open to peace when the forces which make for war are at the point of readiness to seek a way out.

The United States is not and never has been neutral in thought. For that reason the efforts at peace are rather strained as viewed from the side of the line on which the American sympathies are conspicuous by their absence. The dictators' camp naturally disapprove of peace efforts which are acceptable to the democracies, but eventually the point must be reached at which both sides welcome these efforts.

The fact that practical reasoning tells us that such a point apparently and most probably has not yet been reached, nor closely approached, is no reason for delaying efforts to give the forces of peace opportunity to operate when they become ready.

Apparently the statements of the democratic allies fully appreciate the motive behind the American efforts.—"Manila Bulletin."

JAPAN'S CHINA POLICY

If Chinese interests are being neglected and actually suppressed since the establishment of the puppet government, foreign interests have not fared better. They are hampered not only by the Japanese monopolies on transportation, finance, and trade channels but also by the difficulty of maintaining any kind of contact with the authorities. When complaints are made, the complainants are often referred by the Japanese military to the Puppet government, and by this back again to the Japanese. Nobody is responsible. The anti-British movement, which has been stirred up by the Japanese, and the resulting expulsion of British missionaries from North China is a case in point.* When the missionaries protested to the local Chinese officials, they were told privately that they, the officials, did not approve of their bad treatment but that they were powerless, and were advised to address themselves to the local office of the Japanese gendarmerie. The latter, when approached, declared in turn that they were unable to give any assistance, as it was a purely Chinese, spontaneous movement with which they could not interfere without infringing on Chinese sovereignty.

It is generally recognised by foreigners of all nationalities that the anti-British movement, which is

TOMMY ATKINS

The name is Tommy Atkins. It dates from 1815. In that momentous year, which saw the Hundred Days and the final banishment of Napoleon Bonaparte, something extremely unimportant happened which was, however, also to claim the fame of memory. Samples of a new form of pay sheet were issued to the troops, carefully filled in to show the unschooled soldiers just how they were to keep their books. The samples bore, along the dotted line, the words, "Thomas Atkins, X, his mark." In such circumstances was the British "Tommy" christened, and it is perhaps typical of him and his methods that the name which was, after all, nothing but a symbol of an uneducated fighting man, was adopted to become a symbol of the very opposite.—J. A. May.

directed with quite especial virulence against missionary, educational, and medical institutions, is merely the thin end of the wedge. The same fate, in the long run, awaits all foreign interests, then plain fact being that Japanese policy is to drive very kind of foreign activity, both commercial and philanthropic, out of North China as completely as, or even more completely than, they have succeeded in doing in "Manchuguo."

Two tendencies anyhow, seem perfectly clear so far as the Japanese there are concerned. First, the policy

of an independent North China has now gained the day, for good and all.

Even in the most unlikely event of the Japanese military clique there agreeing to come in with some kind of new central government, the inclusion would be purely nominal; in all matters of importance, such as flag, finance, economics, and foreign relations North China will remain completely independent. Second, the Puppet government will not gain any more power in the future, though it will doubtless be retained as a useful facade behind which its Japanese masters will continue to exploit the country in their own interests, in the comforting belief that this facade is deceiving both the Chinese people and the Foreign Powers as to the true conditions in North China.—American Information Committee pamphlet.



A remarkable picture taken by a machine of the R.A.F. coastal command of a neutral ship sunk in the North Sea, with her survivors pulling away in a lifeboat. The plane was able to direct rescuers to the position of the boats. (By Air Mail. Copyright).

FIVE NEUTRAL SHIPS SUNK BY NAZIS YESTERDAY

FIVE MORE NEUTRAL SHIPS WERE SUNK BY GERMAN ACTION YESTERDAY, THREE OF THEM BEING NORWEGIAN AND TWO DUTCH. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT A SPANISH SHIP WAS TORPEDOED.

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands ship, Tara, of 4,700 tons, sank off Cape Finisterre (off north-west Spain) after an explosion, it was announced yesterday afternoon.

It is believed that she was torpedoed.

The ship was bound directly from Bahia Blanca for the neutral port of Rotterdam with a cargo of wheat for the Netherlands Government from the neutral Argentine Republic. — Reuter.

*** Built at Rotterdam in 1929, the Tara was owned by the Maatschappij Vrachtvaart.

Loss Of Dutch Tanker

The Hague, To-day.

It is feared that the Dutch motor-tanker Den Haag (8,971 tons) was lost on the voyage from New York to Rotterdam.

The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products. — Reuter.

CREW RESCUED

Havas says that the latest Norwegian sinkings include the Teenstad, the Salviken and the Sangstad. The crew of the Salviken was picked up by a British naval vessel and landed at a coast port. The captain stated that they had been in the boats for 12 hours, darkness was coming on a big storm blowing up.

NORWAY'S LOSSES

Oslo, To-day.

Norway's losses now amount to 49 ships, totalling 168,527 tons, it was announced here yesterday.

Altogether 327 Norwegians have been killed by the Nazi sea warfare. — Reuter.

TARA CREW SAVED

The captain and crew of the Tara, a later message declared, have been saved. — Reuter.

Spanish Loss

St. Jean de Luz, To-day.

The Spanish freighter Banderas is now believed to have been the victim of a German U-boat. — Reuter.

POCKET BATTLESHIP ON HIGH SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") MONTEVIDEO, TO-DAY.

IT IS RUMOURED THAT A GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP, EITHER THE DEUTSCHLAND OR THE ADMIRAL VON SCHEER, IS AT PRESENT IN THE ATLANTIC READY TO ATTACK MERCHANTMEN IN REVENGE FOR THE GRAF SPEE.

It is believed that the German cargo boat, Lahn, which arrived at Montevideo in November whence it went to Buenos Aires, was ordered to supply the German warship. — Havas.

Reuter cables a similar report, quoting the Montevideo newspaper "El Pueblo" as source. The newspaper adds that the cargo-boat Lahn recently loaded a cargo of coal in Montevideo and ostensibly left for Buenos Aires.

BRITON HELD ON CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE

Stockholm, To-day.

A British subject, Donald William Beach, was one of five men who appeared in a Stockholm court yesterday charged with espionage. The other four accused are Swedes.

Beach told the court he had been trained as a wireless telegraphist during the last war, after which he was for some time a ship's wireless operator.

After the preliminary proceedings the public were excluded from court. — Reuter.

NAZI AIR ATTACK ON TRAWLER

London, To-day.

In Tuesday's Nazi raids, three men were wounded when a trawler was attacked.

Two Nazi planes attacked it with machine-guns and incendiary bombs. — Reuter.

SOVIET AIR RAID ON SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

TEN HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND A NUMBER OF INCENDIARY BOMBS WERE DROPPED BY SEVEN RUSSIAN PLANES ON THE SWEDISH VILLAGE OF PAJALA, FIVE MILES FROM THE FINNISH FRONTIER, YESTERDAY.

THE MAIN ROAD RUNNING THROUGH THE VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED BUT NOBODY WAS INJURED.

VISIBILITY WAS GOOD AT THE TIME AND SURPRISE IS EXPRESSED THAT THE RUSSIAN AIRMEN SHOULD HAVE MADE A MISTAKE ABOUT THEIR POSITION. — REUTER.

INCENDIARY BOMBS

The town is about five miles from the Finnish frontier and roughly midway between the Norwegian border in the north and the Gulf of Bothnia.

Fires were caused by incendiary bombs, four buildings being burned and a church damaged. No casualties have been reported so far. — Reuter.

The Foreign Minister has instructed the Legation in Moscow to protest energetically against the Soviet bombing of Pajala. — Reuter.

SINKING OF U-BOATS

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons whether he could give the latest information of the results of action against U-boats, the First Lord said our successes had been greater than expected and that though the results, of course, vary from week to week, the average rate of weekly sinking — not less two per week — which he gave in December was in no way exaggerated.

Replying to further questions Mr. Winston Churchill reaffirmed the Government's intention to arm all ships, including fishing vessels, as rapidly as possible, and said that strong air patrols would be provided for the protection of fishing vessels. — British Wireless.

ARTILLERY FIRE ALONG RHINE

Paris, To-day.

A few small exchanges of artillery fire between casemates on the Rhine are reported by the French military authorities.

On the Vosges front, French batteries opened fire on some German working parties.

Fog prevented air activity. — Reuter.

Last night's communique said there was local infantry and artillery action during the day.

There was also a renewal of aviation activity. — Reuter.

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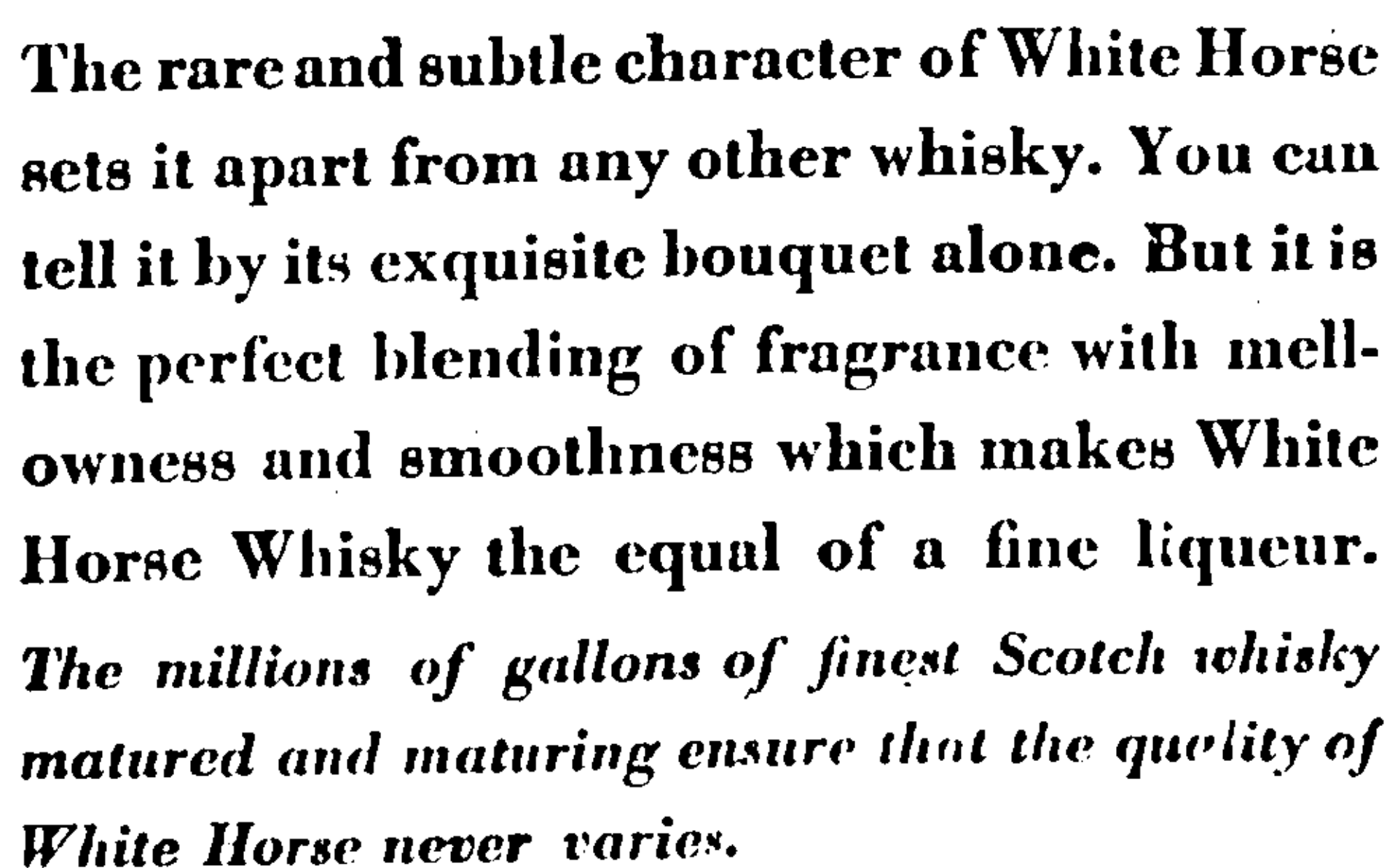
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GERMAN CAPTAIN GIVES TRUTH OF AN "ATROCITY" STORY

London, To-day.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA is careful not to broadcast items which go direct to countries which know the real truth. Thus, a propaganda version of the sinking of the German ship Watussi has not been broadcast in the programmes to South Africa.

The "story" says that British bombers machine-gunned the life-boats of the German ship, which scuttled herself on December 2.

The vessel, it will be recalled, was intercepted by planes of the South African Air Force, manned by South Africans.

A South African official in London yesterday pointed out that a complete refutation of the Nazi lie was provided by none other than the captain of the Watussi himself, whose statement to the South African press on December 4 was reported verbatim.

The captain described how he prepared to scuttle his ship as a lone 'plane circled around overhead.

When everything was ready and there would be no danger by abandoning ship, he gave the order to hoist the German flag and for the passengers and crew in the lifeboats to be swung overboard.

Shortly before giving this order, the sea-cocks had been opened and the passengers' quarters set on fire.

IN LIFEBOATS AN HOUR
 "We were only in the life-boats for one hour before we were all picked up by a British warship.

We could not have been better treated by the Royal Navy.,

The captain stood me a drink — and believe me I needed it! — and the passengers were given coffee and food. Nor were my crew forgotten; they were given every attention possible." — *Reuter*.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Admitting possession of an automatic pistol, a revolver and four rounds of ammunition, Chan Choi was sentenced to three years' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The arms and ammunition belonged to Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. Robertson, of the Public Works Department. They were stolen last month.

For possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition, Lau Lin was sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment; and two years' hard labour was imposed on Chan Mun for possession of an automatic.

A fine of \$500, or three months' imprisonment, was imposed on Lam Siu-tak, who stated that the revolver found in his possession was left with him by a friend.

OLD TRICK

Cheong Sang, 36, an ivory carver, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with larceny.

Two Chinese women walking in Des Voeux Road Central were invited by him to a teahouse near the World Theatre. During conversation, he asked them to change banknotes for him, saying he was a newcomer to the Colony. Defendant gave them a parcel supposed to contain banknotes. He then asked the women for some security, and was given a finger ring, \$8 in Hong Kong money, a wrist watch and \$21 in Chinese money.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN SHANGHAI

Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice of Hong Kong, is expected to return to the Colony from Shanghai on March 3.

5. A number of cases on the Criminal Session calendar of this month, have been adjourned until after the arrival of Sir Atholl.

"SACK" FOR FU SIAO-EN?

Shanghai, To-day.

It is rumoured in well-informed circles that the puppet Mayor of the City Government of Greater Shanghai, Mr. Fu Siao-en, may be deprived of office in the near future, according to the "China Press."

It is stated that Dr. Chu Ming-yl, the Secretary-General of the "Orthodox Kuomintang" and Wang Ching-wei's brother-in-law, may succeed him.

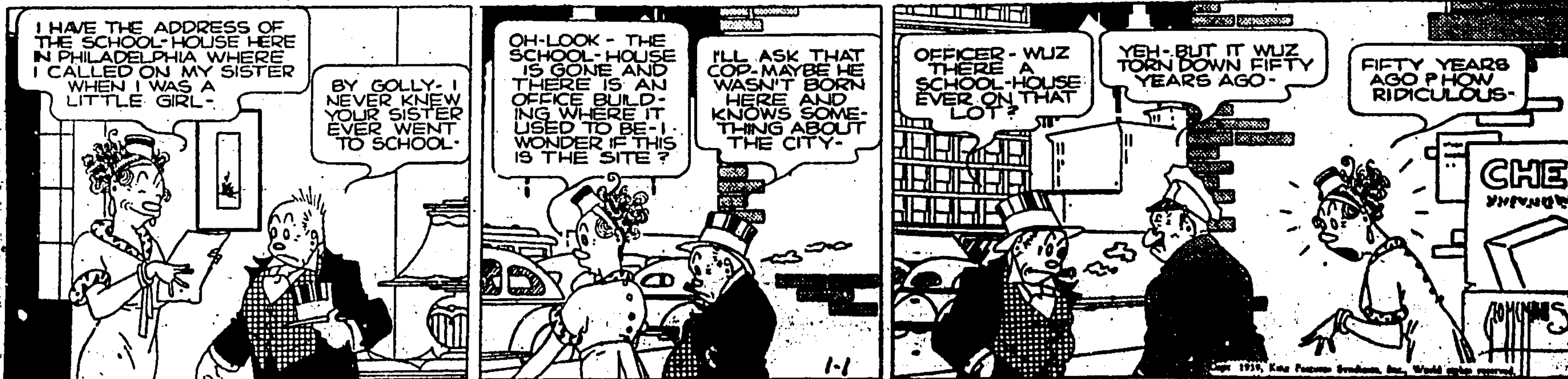
Chu Ming-yl went to Nanking and returned with Liang Hung-chih, head of the "Reformed Government" on February 19. — Reuter.

"THE CIRCLE"

The A.D.C. production of "The Circle," by Somerset Maugham, proceeds of which are to go to the British War Organisation Fund, opened at the China Fleet Club last night, the players giving the highly competent performance to which the Colony is accustomed from the A.D.C.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



TOMMY FARR NOT FIT FOR AIR FORCE!

London, To-day.
Laughter greeted a statement in the House of Commons yesterday by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, to the effect that the boxer, Tommy Farr, was released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

When it was suggested that Farr must be fit, because he was already staging a £20,000 purse fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, Sir Kingsley Wood reiterated that Farr was not up to the required standards of the services.—Reuter.

BRITAIN READY FOR AIR ATTACKS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ASKED ABOUT BRITAIN'S CAPACITY TO MEET AN EARLY INTENSIFICATION OF AIR ATTACKS.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he was not prepared to state the extent of the Government's information about the enemy forces, but he was satisfied that the R.A.F. as well as the ground defences will give a good account of themselves, whatever scale the air attack might come on.

All means of defence were being strengthened and developed continuously.—Reuter.

STABBED A CONSTABLE

Pleading guilty to a charge of wounding with intent to resist lawful detention, Chan Fong, was sentenced to two years' hard labour and 12 strokes, by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused, it was alleged, was one of the two men, who riding a tandem in Argyle Street last month, snatched a scarf from a Chinese woman. Pursued by a constable, accused stabbed him with a knife.

USELESS TO LODGE A PROTEST

London, To-day.
The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said in the Commons that although His Majesty's Government were aware that the Soviet air forces had pursued a policy of indiscriminate bombing, which could not be too strongly condemned, they did not intend to lodge any protest having no grounds to believe that such action would achieve the result desired.—British Wireless.

JAIL FOR DEPORTEES

Charged with breaches of the Deportation Ordinance, three banishees appeared before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Wong Leung and Leung So were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment and 18-year-old Ko Kai-wah to 2½ years.

SECOND CANADIAN DIVISION COMING

Ottawa, To-day.
It is officially announced that the Second Canadian Division is going overseas before long.—Reuter.

HUNGARIAN FORCE FOR FINLAND

Paris, To-day.
About 1,000 Hungarians—the first contingent of a force of 10,000 who have volunteered to fight for Finland—arrived here yesterday.

"Paris Soir" states they are leaving to-day for London.

Most are ex-Servicemen, including some officers.

The commanding office said: "While crossing Yugo-Slavia and Italy we received an extremely friendly welcome."—Reuter.

PEER SAYS WAR OVER IN A YEAR

This war will end in a year. This was the prophecy of Lord Strabolgi when he spoke at the annual meeting in London of the Showmen's Guild.

"Prophecies are dangerous," he said, "but I want to make this one. 'I know Germany well, and I know what is going on there. I have a good many contacts there, and I also know what is going on in Western Europe."

"I do not see the Germans lasting a second winter. They will get through this winter. They are not to be despised. They are a strong, powerful, ruthless race, but there is a limit to what they can stand."

"I can see in the absence of altogether unforeseen developments the whole German economic machine falling to pieces before the end of the present year."

"If this war lasts beyond November I shall be surprised."

DEATH KISS GIRL IS SHUNNED

New York, Feb. 5.
A beautiful woman who has never kissed a man without his soon meeting a violent death is being held in prison at Crownpoint, Indiana.

She is Mary Collins, Chicago's "Angel of Doom."

All her one-time friends have forsaken her. The other day Mary, starving and homeless, entered an exclusive furrier's, and, it is alleged, snatched two fur coats. To-day she weeps in prison, where other prisoners shrink from her.

The "Angel of Doom" has had seven sweethearts in Chicago's underworld—all of them mobsters. Each one was shot by hoodlums after associating with her. She has worn mourning at the funerals of notorious gangsters—all of whom wooed her and won death.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT URGED TO ACT

Stockholm, To-day.
The "Committee for the Freedom of the North" has sent a petition to the Government stating:—

"If Finland perishes, Sweden's own life is threatened."

"The decisive moment has arrived."—Reuter.

GERMANS ARE HUNS

"The German is a rotten Hun and as bad as he was twenty-five years ago—in fact, Hun is the only name fit for him," said the Mayor of Arundel, Councillor Dr. R. W. Pearson.

He explained to a meeting of Arundel employers a penny-a-week fund for the Red Cross.

DELAY IN WHITE PAPER EXPLAINED

London, To-day.
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday that he was not in a position to name the date of publication of the White Paper dealing with the Anglo-Russian negotiations of last year.

Mr. Butler indicated that consultations with the French Government accounted for the delay.—Reuter.

APPEAL TO SPORTSMEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
"We ask all sportsmen in the world to think of Finland who was preparing to receive them in 1940 for festivities of peace on the occasion of the Twelfth Olympiad," declares the Finnish Olympic Committee's appeal to the world.

"Now Finland is fighting for her very existence. Do not forget that however encouraging unanimous world sympathy may be it does not suffice for a people who are fighting against an enemy fifty times superior in numbers," the appeal concludes.—Havas.

SMALLPOX CASES

Five smallpox cases, four of them from Kowloon, were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. There were also two typhoid cases, one diphtheria, three meningitis, and 20 tuberculosis.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has extended southward and eastward, covering China, Indo-China, western Japan and the neighbouring seas. The depression remains in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

OXFORD HON. DEGREE FOR TAGORE

London, To-day.
Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the world-famous Indian poet, is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Oxford University.

Although he is now in his 80th year, he still writes poetry and occasionally turns to painting for relaxation. He has always taken a leading part in the movement for the true appreciation of the literature and art of his own country in preference to copying Western styles.

He won the Nobel Prize for Literature as far back as 1913, which probably makes Lord Linlithgow's statement that he is "probably the most venerable figure in literature" no exaggeration.

He took up painting when he was 68 years old. In addition to his other work, he has written and set to music over 3,000 songs.—Reuter.

*** Sir Rabindranath already holds the D. Lit. of Calcutta University, Hindu University, Benares, Dacca University, Dacca and Osmania University, Hyderabad.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.
On February 20, 26 neutral ships were in the United Kingdom contraband control bases, of which 23 had been there five days or less.

During the week ended February 17 the contraband committee considered the cargoes of 89 ships which arrived that week and 38 outstanding cargoes from the previous week. In 68 cases the entire cargoes were released.

Fifty-four cases were dealt with under the system of advance copy manifests and in 42 such cases vessels were released subject to formal checking of the original manifests.—British Wireless.

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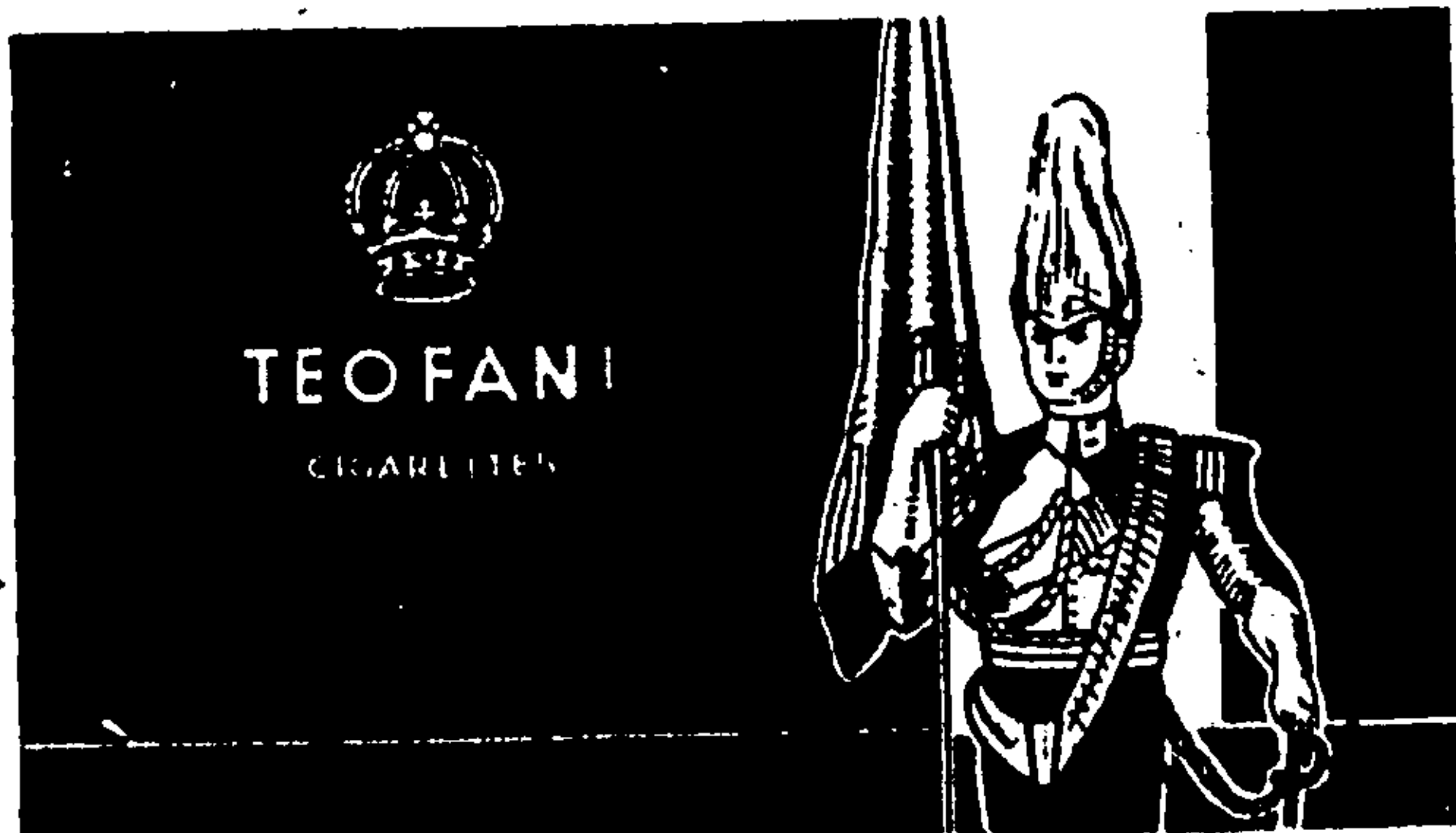
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BRITISH EXPORT TRADE DRIVE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

STEPS WHICH ARE NOW BEING TAKEN TO DEVELOP GREAT BRITAIN'S EXPORT TRADE ARE OUTLINED BY REUTER'S LOBBY CORRESPONDENT, WHO SAYS THE HOME MARKET WILL HAVE TO YIELD TO THE NEED FOR EXPORTS EXCEPT FOR VITAL NECESSITIES.

First aim is to recover markets lost at the beginning of the war, and second is to extend them as far as possible consistently with supplies of raw material available.

Discussions are taking place between industrialists and Trade Unions in regard to the large number of workers required for the expanded export trade.

It is hoped that as a result of work already done there will be a noticeable increase in cotton exports.

The export of motorcars has been placed on a satisfactory basis by arrangements for the allocation of steel and other metals required.

It is also proposed to send missions abroad with a view to securing fresh markets and better methods of salesmanship and publicity are being discussed.

SOUTH AMERICA

The potentialities of the South American markets are being carefully examined and the question of coal supplies for Italy is receiving prompt consideration. — Reuter.

TEA QUOTA FIXED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE INTERNATIONAL TEA COMMITTEE HAS FIXED THE FIGURE OF REGULATION FOR THE CONTROL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1941, AT 95 PER CENT. OF STANDARD EXPORTS.

The Committee's decision to maintain the figure for the next year has caused some surprise in tea circles who, while emphasising that there is no shortage of stocks, had believed that 100 per cent. might be fixed in view of the considerable increase in United Kingdom consumption, together with the fact that certain Empire consuming countries have been acquiring larger supplies of Empire teas since the outbreak of war.

Some quarters express the opinion that retention of the present quota lends colour to recent suggestions that that British authorities may be considering negotiating buying contracts with Netherlands growers. — Reuter.

SWEDISH BAN NOT AGAINST VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that although the Swedish Government had declared that foreign troops would not be allowed to pass over Swedish territory, he understood that this did not apply to volunteers for Finland. — Reuter.

SECRETARY OF STATE BROADCASTS

London, To-day.

The significance of the support freely given to the Mother Country in her great war effort by the Colonies was emphasised by the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, broadcasting last night on colonial development.

Mr. Macdonald said no fact should have given us more pride and quiet confidence in the justice of our cause than that the peoples of the colonies were eager to share with us every hazard and danger of war.

"They are not self-governing. They are still under our rule. They are small communities which might be excused if they shunned the right. It is significant indeed that they have experience of us as rulers and recognise us instinctively as the champions of the liberty of small peoples." — Reuter.

A recording of Mr. Macdonald's broadcast is being broadcast from London and will be relayed by ZBW at 11 o'clock to-night.

P.W.D. SUPPER DANCE AND CABARET

A very entertaining cabaret programme will be seen at the Peninsula Hotel this evening at the second annual supper dance and cabaret of the Public Works Recreation Club.

Several novelty numbers appear on the dance programme, from favourites of the "gay nineties" to the latest ball-room dances.

Tickets, \$2.50 each including supper, may be obtained at the entrance to the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel. Half the proceeds will go to the British War Organization Fund.

ART EXHIBITION

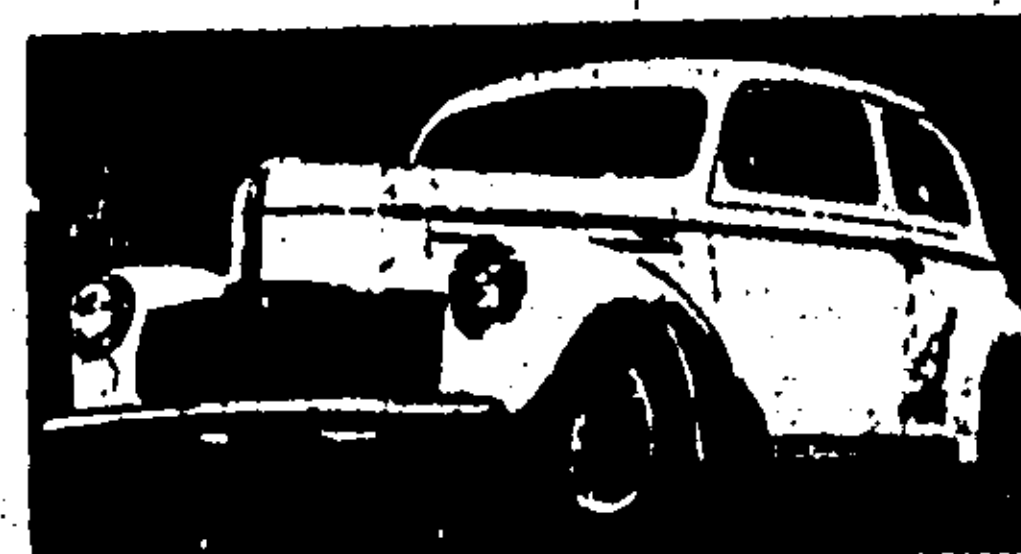
The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild are holding an Exhibition of Western and Chinese Paintings at the Cathedral Hall, on Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5.

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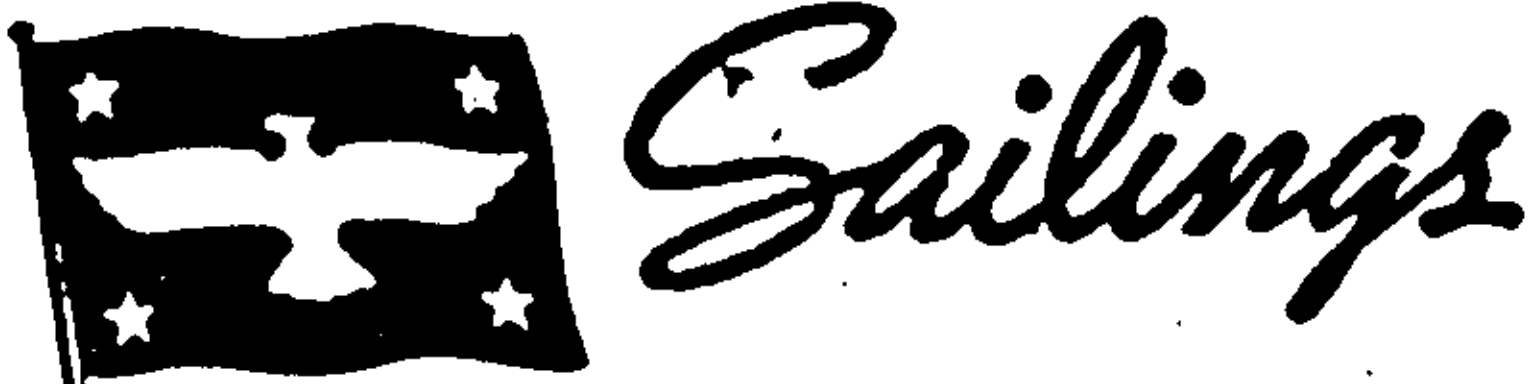


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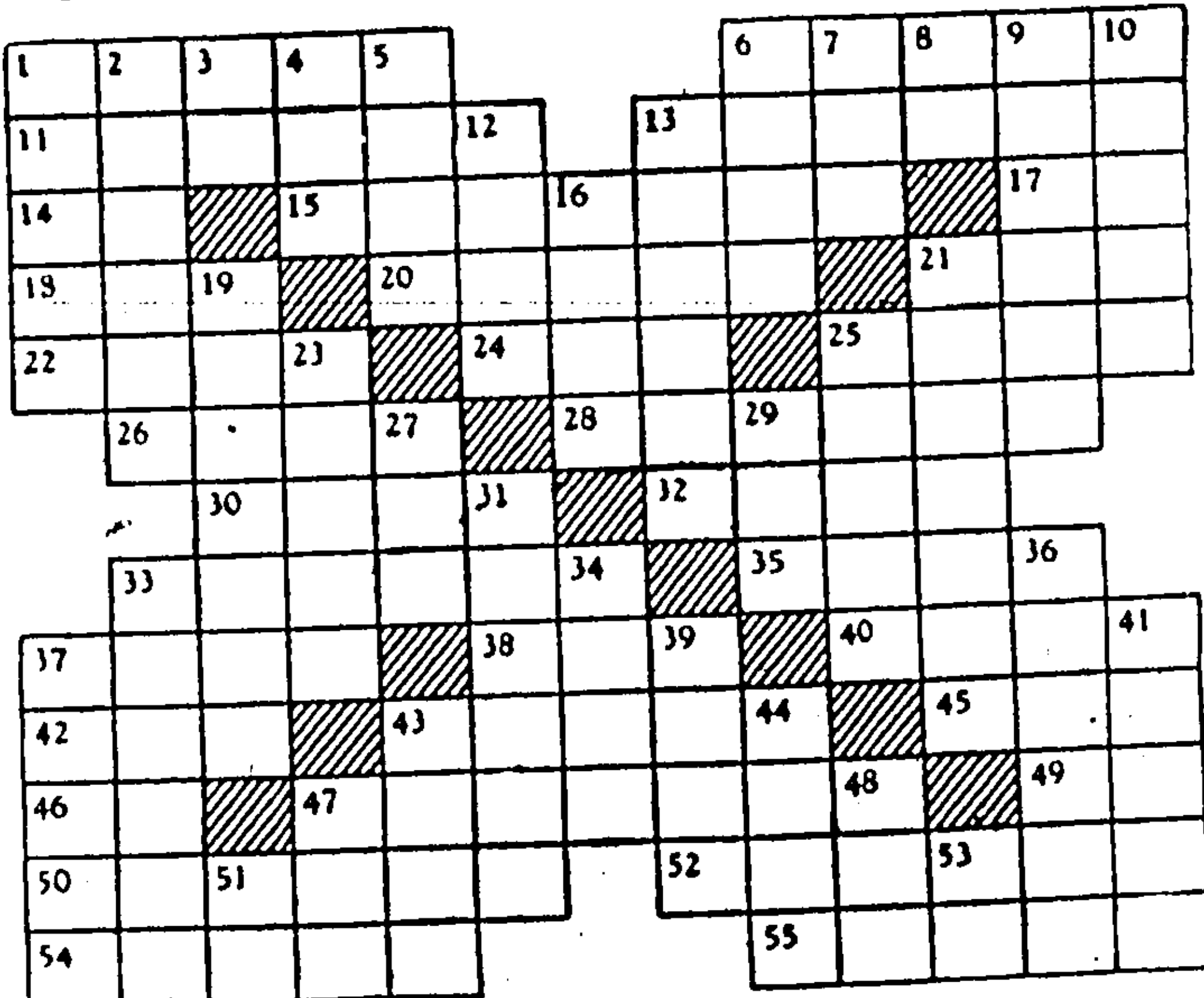
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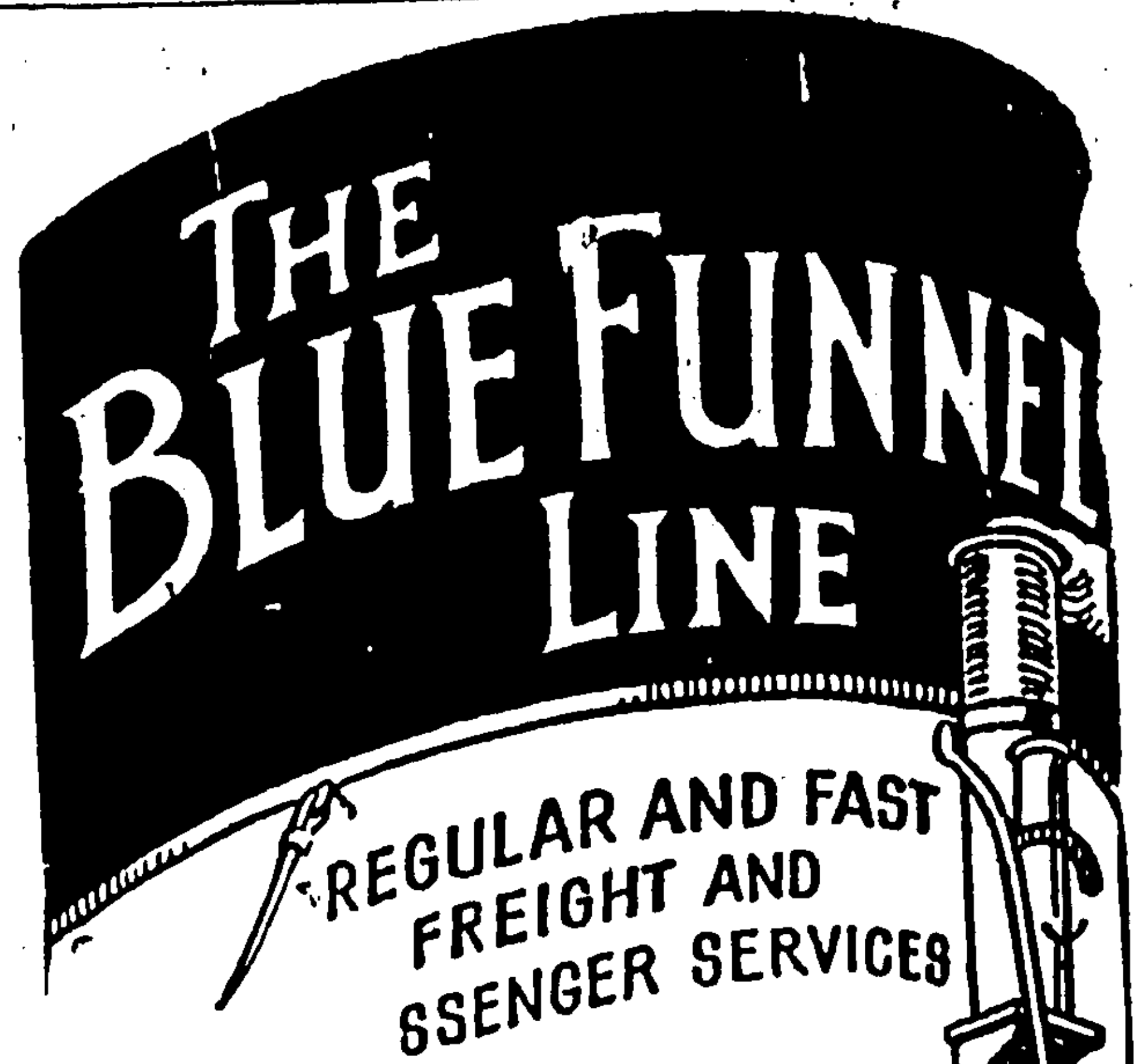
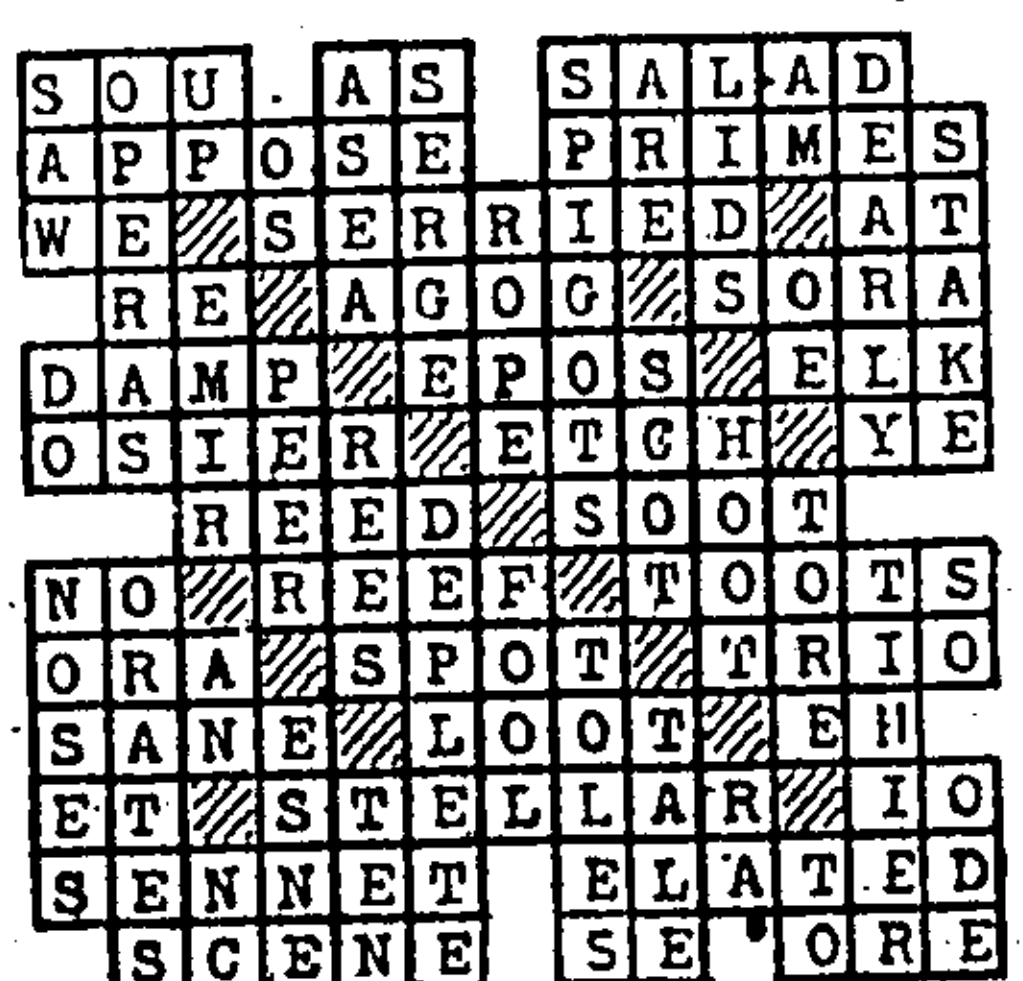
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Greek market place
- 6 Apportioned
- 11 Spirit
- 13 Plumper
- 14 Teutonic deity
- 15 Swaying
- 17 Six
- 18 To instigate
- 20 Ecclesiastical vestment
- 21 Container
- 22 Part
- 24 Length measure
- 25 European
- 26 Aromatic plant
- 28 Wasteland
- 30 To confine
- 32 Simpleton
- 33 Nun
- 35 Indigent
- 37 Dagger
- 38 Rodent
- 40 French coins
- 42 To row
- 43 Pertaining to Carthage
- 45 To bite
- 46 Low note

VERTICAL

- 1 Oriental leader
- 2 Mythical woman
- 3 Conjunction
- 4 Smart blow
- 5 Beverages
- 6 Valley
- 7 French: "summer"
- 8 Preposition
- 9 Near East
- 10 Group of three
- 12 Heraldic device
- 13 Replete
- 16 Disposed of
- 19 Ice mass
- 21 Caricature
- 23 Eaten away
- 25 Greek island
- 27 Dowry
- 29 To soak
- 31 To scan
- 33 Scythe handle
- 34 To rage
- 36 Spoiled
- 37 Consommés
- 39 Bonds
- 41 Booms
- 43 Free ticket
- 44 To sort
- 47 To stroke lightly
- 48 Fish eggs
- 51 Hawkheaded deity
- 53 Pronoun

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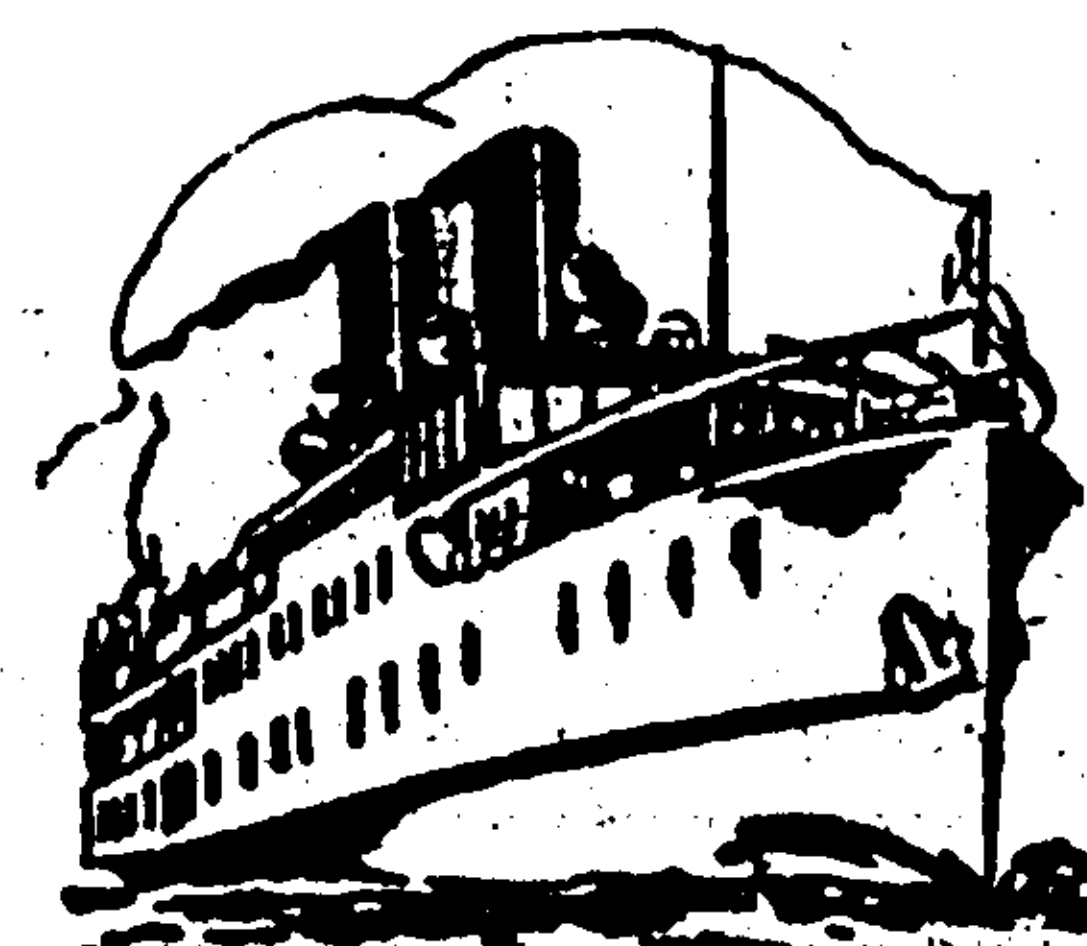
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Hong Kong Bank \$1435 b., C.D.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$215 b.
Union Ins. \$470 b., \$480 sa.
China Underwriters \$1 s.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$182 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$100 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks \$22.10/15 sa.
Providents \$4.60 b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. Lands \$38 b., \$38½ s., \$38¼ sa.
Humphreys \$7.70 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.55 b.
Star Ferries \$64 b.
Yaumati Ferries \$25 b.
China Lights (Old) \$7.90 b.
China Lights (New) \$5 b., \$5.05 sa.
H.K. Electrics \$57½ b.
Macao Electrics \$20 b.
Sandakan Lights \$11¼ b.
Telephones (Old) \$26.80 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$19¼ sa.

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Dairy Farms (Old) \$22¼ b., \$22½ sa.

Dairy Farms (New) \$21.40 b.
Watsons \$9.40 b., \$9.60 s., \$9.60 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7¼ b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .16 sa.
Atoks Ps. .18½ sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .22 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .013 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.60 b.
Big Wedge Ps. .20½ b.
Coco Grove Ps. .14 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .013 b.
Demonstrations Ps. .12 b.
East Mindanao Ps. .10½ b.
I.X.L. Ps. .36½ b.
Ipo Gold Ps. .11½ sa.
Itogons Ps. .27½ b.
Mambulao Ps. .013 sa.
Masbates Ps. .10½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .10 b.
Mine Operation Ps. .10½ b.
North Camarines Ps. .10 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .22 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .82 b.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .12½ sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .024 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .29 b.

SHOULD THERE BE
TIN QUOTA IN
WARTIME?

London, To-day.

Mr. H. Graham-White (Labour, East Birkenhead) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether in view of the forthcoming meeting of the International Tin Committee the Colonies Secretary would see that no reduction or alteration in the quota was made unless he was satisfied it would not interfere with the maximum use of Malaya's tin resources in the prosecution of the war.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald replied that the quota decision rested with the International Tin Committee but he felt sure the Malayan and Nigerian delegations would continue to maintain the interests of the Governments they represent in the Committee, including their interest in the effective prosecution of the war.—Reuter.

FEATURES OF LONDON
STOCK MARKET

LONDON, TO-DAY.

RISE IN VALUES AND AN EXPANSION OF BUSINESS WERE OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF YESTERDAY'S STOCK MARKET.

Industrials, oils, coppers, diamonds and certain Kafirs all met with investment demand and appreciable gains were registered.

Home rails were firmer and gilt-edged securities were less prominent owing to interest in other sections, but foreign issues generally were well maintained.

Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

ATLANTIC AIR MAIL

London, To-day.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, stated in the Commons that it was intended to re-open the British North Atlantic air service as soon as possible.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-3/8 for Spot and 20-7/16 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.025 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$3.96-1/4.

SHANGHAI ART LECTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Lecturing before the Shanghai Art Collectors Society yesterday, Mr. Hsu Weinan, historian and author, traced the history of the Koo family, famed scholars and literati who lived in Shanghai in the middle of the 15th Century.

The lecturer said Chinese scholars used to judge a man's knowledge or intelligence by means of his technical

knowledge in calligraphy, while a woman's knowledge was distinguished by her craftsmanship in embroidery.

Ladies of the Koo family had been immortalised as "saints of the needle" through their embroidery technique. Thus the term "koo stu" became synonymous with embroidery and is now used to describe the finest embroideries.—Havas.

OFFICIALDOM SILENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Official circles refuse to confirm or deny the presence of British warships off Petsamo.—Havas.

THE HONGKONG
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Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

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That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

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CRICKET

K.C.C. MEN
PROMINENT
IN AVERAGES

(By "ADREM")

D. J. N. Anderson still remains in a strong position at the head of the senior batting and bowling averages and appears unlikely to be displaced for some time.

Most notable advance has been the qualification of young Francis Lay, of K.C.C., who in two innings has scored 84 and 27. He is now second.

In Junior Division, W. Mulcahy, of K.C.C., makes considerable progress as the result of 49 not out against R.A.F., while R. Baldwin, who took seven wickets to make his bag for the last four days, 13 wickets, is now third in the bowling list with an aggregate of 19 wickets.

FIRST DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—2 inns. av. of 15 and over)

N.

I. O. R. H.S. Ave.

D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	3	1	160	75*	80.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	2	0	111	84	55.50
N. Beltrao (Rec.)	3	2	48	29*	48.00
H. P. Lim (C.C.C.)	3	1	91	76*	45.50
Sgt. Webb (Army)	3	0	119	59	39.66
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	4	1	111	57*	37.00
Capt. Grose (Army)	2	1	38	26*	38.00
F. R. Zimmermann (C.C.C.)	3	0	91	47	30.33
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0	90	72	30.00
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	3	0	84	43	28.00
A. M. Rodriguez (Rec.)	2	1	23	13	23.00
A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.)	2	0	56	56	28.00
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	3	0	78	54	26.00
Chin Thian-siew (Univ.)	2	1	25	20*	25.00
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	3	0	67	47	22.33
N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.)	2	1	21	17*	21.00
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	3	1	40	30*	20.00
A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	4	0	77	25	19.25
A. P. Pereira (Rec.)	2	1	18	16*	18.00
Y. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	4	1	52	23*	17.33
A. J. Hulce (C.C.C.)	2	0	34	30	17.00
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	4	1	51	19*	17.00
A. E. Perry (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	31	27	15.50
Major Petri (Army)	2	2	47	24*	—
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	2	2	34	26*	—
M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	2	2	29	23*	—

BOWLING

(Qualification—two matches; 5 wickets; avge. of 15 and under)

O. M. R. W. Ave.

D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	14	2	51	10	5.10
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	35.2	7	96	13	7.38
L/Cpl. Young (Army)	13	0	48	6	8.00
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	22	3	77	8	9.63
R. J. Fenton (C.S.C.C.)	10	0	49	5	9.80
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	7.3	1	56	5	11.20
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	33	7	113	9	12.55
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	23	1	105	8	13.13
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	45.4	10	198	15	13.20
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	40.4	10	168	12	14.00
R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	39.2	7	148	10	14.80

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—3 inns. avge. of 15 and over)

N.

I. O. R. H.S. Ave.

Major Swyer (Army)	3	2	52	27*	52.00
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	4	1	118	55*	39.33
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	1	72	46	36.00
J. L. Stephens (P.R.C.)	3	1	65	44*	32.50
Lt. Fergus (Army)	3	1	68	56	34.00
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	6	1	156	49*	31.20
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	5	3	62	27*	31.00
G. M. S. Paterson (Army)	3	0	91	63	30.33
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	3	0	74	54	24.67
G. Ainello (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	95	86	23.75
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	4	0	87	44	21.75
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	3	0	65	31	21.67

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REVEL (H^e Garonne) France

Mrs. C. Bernard Brown leading in Quartermaster's Burford (Mr. Pih up) after its record-breaking win in the Champion Stakes yesterday. Mr. C. Bernard Brown, popular Secretary of Hong Kong Jockey Club, who can be seen on the right, was given an unusually hearty ovation by the cheering crowd. (Our Staff Photographer).

CLUB "A" DEFEAT
SAPPERS

After leading 8-3 at half time, Club "A" beat Royal Engineers by two goals and two tries (16 points) to a goal and two tries (11 points) in their Rugby match at the Valley yesterday.

B. Hynes, Beattie and Paul, the last named for good tackling, were conspicuous in the Club pack. Morgan was a very lively scrum-half and Lavalie brought off several good tackles and ran with determination.

Birrell played a good game for Sappers and Artingstall made one good run. Cuthbertson led the forwards with his usual gusto.

After five minutes pressure by Club the Sappers were forced to touch down, but Club were not to be denied and Lavalie was sent through by a pass from Day, but the pass was forward. From a scrum on the R.E. line the ball came out to D. Hynes, who attempted a dropped goal and only narrowly missed.

CLUB OPEN SCORING

Fourteen minutes after the kick-off Morgan came round the blind side of the scrum and, instead of passing to Lavalie, cut in and touched down in a good position for Watson to land the goal points and give Club a 5-0 lead. Four minutes later Club were awarded a penalty for offside, but Watson was short with the kick and the Sappers relieved with a good kick to touch. Soon after a Sappers' forward rush saw Cuthbertson get over in the corner. Birrell failed to convert from a difficult position.

A passing movement by Club forwards, initiated by Watson, saw the ball go out to Lavalie, who crossed over in the corner. Watson failed with his kick and Club led 8-3 at half time.

Play livened up in the second half and Club were soon penalised just outside their '25 for offside play, but

F. A. Curreem (I.R.C.)	4	0	83	32	20.75
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	3	1	40	24*	20.00
M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	0	58	29	19.33
A. J. Wright (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	38	13	19.00
H. Danbrow (P.R.C.)	3	0	57	34	19.00
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	4	0	76	29	19.00
T. T. Chin (Univ.)	3	0	57	44	19.00
W. L. Clarke (P.R.C.)	3	0	53	35	17.67
J. Lewis (P.R.C.)	3	2	17	9	17.00
H. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	3	0	50	24	16.67
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	65	33	16.25
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	5	0	80	27	16.00
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	5	0	77	26	15.50
A. R. Markar (I.R.C.)	3	1	30	19*	15.00

BOWLING

(Qualification—three matches; 5 wickets; avge. of 15 and under)

Y. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	23.7	4	63	12	5.25
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	26.1	3	106	15	7.07
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	34.6	4	137	19	7.21
H. Danbrow (P.R.C.)	9.2	1	46	8	7.67
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	20.3	3	72	9	8.00
A. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	17.1	2	58	6	9.83
Lt. Peel (Army)	11	1	69	7	9.85
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	25.6	2	107	10	10.70
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	40.5	5	153	13	11.77
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	18	2	66	8	11.00
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	34	3	125	11	11.36
N. Singh (Univ.)	53.5	0	151	15	12.06
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	23	0	98	8	12.25
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	25	1	106	8	13.50
G. W. Lam (C.C.C.)	14.7	1	51	6	13.50

Birrell narrowly failed to kick a goal. Needham relieved further pressure soon after with a good dribble. The Sappers were soon back again, however, and Club were forced to touch down. From the drop out Taylor said "going right" and then kicked left, straight into the hands of Artingstall, who easily passed him to score in the corner. Birrell converted and so levelled the scores.

SAPPERS GO AHEAD

Club attacked from the kick-off and were rewarded with a penalty 30 yards out, but McCrea was short. Club continued to press and a punt ahead by Wright-Nooth looked dangerous when Otway fumbled, but the latter managed to touch down and so prevent a score. The Sappers now took up the attack and a nice movement by the backs saw Birrell go over in the corner. He failed to add the goal points and R. E. led 11-8. Needham, who had come out of the pack to displace Taylor, then made a good run but was pulled down 10 yards from the line, and from a loose scrum soon after Morgan transferred to D. Hynes, who broke through near the posts, only for McCrea to fail with the kick. With the scores again level Club rallied strongly and Beattie picked up in the loose and went over for a try which Watson converted.

Club "A"—Hopkins; Wright-Nooth, Day, Taylor and Lavalie; D. Hynes and Morgan; McCrea, Watson, Kennedy, Needham, B. Hynes, Godfrey, Beattie and Paul (R.N.). Royal Engineers—Otway; Artingstall, Martin, Jones and Birrell; Waite and Foley; Appleby, Pike, Eouzan, Blackman, Cunningham, Cuthbertson, Killian and Brinkley.

STUBBS SHIELD FINAL

In the Stubbs Shield final at Fanling yesterday, the A.P.C. (G. M. Park (8) and R. Young (8) beat the R.A.M.C. (Major Harvey (10) and Major Bowie (10) by one hole.



Dieter Dot says if a pound of sweets weighed as heavily on her mind as a pound of flesh does her reducing problem would be for ever before her.

CRICKET

MULCAHY,
BALDWIN
DO WELL

At Cox's Road yesterday Kowloon Cricket Club, thanks to the batting of W. Mulcahy, and the bowling of R. Baldwin, easily beat R.A.F. in a Junior League cricket match by 6 wickets.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

A. Paling, c Curtis, b Baldwin	5
C. Abbas, b Baldwin	7
S. Mansfield, c and b Baldwin	0
H. Nancarrow, c Mulcahy, b Curtis	0
H. Cook, b Baxter	11
Flt. Lt. Davis, c Curtis, b Baldwin	8
W. Gillespie, b Curtis	9
L. Goodwin, c Broadbridge, b Baldwin	7
F. Croser, c Mulcahy, b Baldwin	24
J. Hemsley, b Baldwin	8
T. Hawkins, not out	1
Extras	6

Total 86

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Simpson	3	1	3	0
Curtis	9	0	33	2
Baldwin	8.6	2	29	7
Baxter	2	0	13	1

KOWLOON C.C.

W. Mulcahy, not out	49
R. T. Broadbridge, c Mansfield, b Gillespie	0
K. M. Baxter, run out	1
R. Baldwin, c Hawkins, b Davis	7
S. A. Gray, not out	11
Extras	14

Total (for four wkts.) 87

R. A. Harding, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, R. Simpson and Burch did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gillespie	7	1	38	2
Nancarrow	4	0	15	0
Davis	3	0	20	1

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
K.C.C.	6	4	2	0	12
Recreo	4	3	1	0	9
I.R.C.	4	3	1	0	9
Police	3	2	0	1	7
C.C.C.	3	2	1	0	6
C.S.C.C.	4	1	2	1	4
Army	4	1	2	1	4
R.A.F.	3	0	2	1	1
University	5	0	5	0	0

VOLUNTEER TEAM
FOR SUNDAY

The following will represent the Volunteers at Cricket against The University on Sunday at the University Ground commencing at 2 p.m.—R. M. King, L. C. Baker, R. T. Broadbridge, D. G. Day, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, D. O. Parsons, T. M. Sulter, A. Zimmermann and A. N. Other.

DUNCAN'S SUCCESS

L. A. R. Duncan 24 plus 16=40 won the Stableford competition on the Old Course at Fanling over the period from Saturday to yesterday. A. L. Potter 21 plus 17=38 was second.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

The University Twenty-fifth Annual Athletic Meet will be held on March 9, at 1.30 p.m. sharp at the University ground.

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On The Colonies

To-day's Wireless

Children's
Hour:
Dance Music

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.
"The Town Talks" Piano Medley (Ellis).
"On the Avenue" Piano Medley (Berlin).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Address Unknown". A tragedy of Nazi Germany.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
David of the White Rock (arr. Osborne Roberts)... Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.
Song of the Flood (Gwylm Hiralthog & Ap Fychan); Olwen Mine (Crwys)... Wil-

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Iam Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accomp. by Telynores Gwyngyll.
Dear Wales (T. Osborne Roberts); The Village Spring (arr. Osborne Roberts)... Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano accomp. by T. Osborne Roberts.
The Blacksmith's Song (Gwylm Hiralthog)... William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accomp. by Telynores Gwyngyll.
8.22 p.m.—Military Band Music.
Sousa Medley. Intro: Chorale from 'The White Man'; Semper Fidelis—March; Hands across the Sea—March; King Cotton—March; The Invincible Eagle—March; El Capitan—March; Sabre and

Spurs—March; Her Majesty the Queen from 'At the King's Court'... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. J. C. Windram.
The Mill in the Black Forest (Ellenberg); March of the Mountain Gnomes (Ellenberg)... The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
Parade of the Elephants—Characteristie (Chenette)... The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
Silver Trumpets—Grand Processional March (Viviani)—arr. Godfrey)... H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

(Brooks)... Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo, Mando-Cello, Mandoline and Banjoline with Piano; St. Louis Blues (Handy)... Eddie Peabody (Banjo) with Piano.
Cinema Organ—Hot Pipes. Intro: The Toy Trumpet; I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You; The Snake Charmer; Greenwich Witch; Twilight in Turkey; Serenade for a Wealthy Widow... Sydney Torch.
Instrumental—Nuttie Woods (Robbins); Buffoon (Confrey)... Harry Robbins (Vi-braphone and Xylophone) with The Four Bright Sparks.
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Hurry Home; Between a Kiss and a Sigh... Kay Kysar & His Orch.
Tango—On Wings of Dreams; Hours and Days... Eugen Wolf & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—The Same Old Story; The Lady On The Second Floor... Geraldo & His Orchestra.
Rumbas—Tiequenita; Siboney... Alfredo Brito & His Orchestra.
Swing—Dopey Joe; Buck Dance Rhythm... Slim and Slam.
Waltzes—Mountain Life; Oh, Isabella... Tessie Band.
Fox-Trot—The Latin Quarter (film 'The Gay Immigrants'); Slow Fox-Trot—Shasha... The Six Swingers.
Tango—Viola Amica; La Maleva... Orquesta Tiplea Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Brother Bill; I Must See Annie To-night... Brian Lawrance & His Lans-downe Orchestra.
Waltz—That Night In Avalon... Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk by Malcolm MacDonald, Colonial Secretary on "Colonial Development".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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SIX TRICKS WITH FIVE TRUMPS

We happened to be kibitzing South when he and his partner contracted for a Small Slam in hearts. While we thought the hand was well bid, as soon as the dummy was revealed, we saw that a choice of plays was involved.

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
 ♠ A Q 3 2
 ♥ A K J
 ♦ Q J 4
 ♣ K Q 5
 ♠ 10 9 7 6
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 10 8 5
 ♣ J 9 4 2
 ♠ K J 8 5
 ♥ 7 6 4
 ♦ 9 6 2
 ♣ A 10 3
 ♠ 4
 ♥ Q 10 9 5 2
 ♦ A K 7 3
 ♣ 8 7 6

The bidding:
 North East South West
 2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
 3NT Pass 4♦ Pass
 5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass

West opened a club. Dummy played the Queen, East the Ace and the return of the ten forced the King. Declarer then drew trumps and, as he still had a losing club, took the spade finesse. When this went wrong, East also cashed a club to set the hand two tricks.

Feeling that he had erred, South asked us if the hand could have been made. Our answer was yes, provided only that the trumps were divided. After the club return, dummy's Ace of spades should be played, then a small spade trumped. Declarer should then lead diamonds twice to dummy and trump two more

spades in his own hand. Next dummy's three trumps should be played and, as South would have only two trumps left, he could discard his club. South's Ace-King of diamonds would take the last two tricks.

The twelve tricks won by this line of play would consist of the following: one club trick, one spade trick, three ruffs by South, dummy's three top trumps and four diamond tricks. In other words, by 'rumping' three spades in his own hand Declarer would have made six tricks in trumps.

You were Howard Schenken's partner yesterday and held:

♠ J x x
 ♥ K x x
 ♦ x x
 ♣ A Q x x x

The bidding:
 Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
 1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥ (7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three hearts. Your hand is definitely strong enough for this bid.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for four hearts (a slight overbid), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 340.

Both sides are vulnerable; the opponents have 80 on score. You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ x
 ♥ K 10 x x
 ♦ A 10 x x
 ♣ Q J x x

The bidding:
 Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
 Pass Pass 1♠ (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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GOOD WIN FOR ST. JOHN'S

At St. Teresa's last night, St. John's redeemed themselves, following their defeat by St. Andrew's, by beating the powerful St. Teresa's team, by 6-3.

Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's).
 beat H. Eardley and R. Beavan... 21-16
 beat N. L. Smith and R. Maynard... 21-11
 lost to F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok... 13-21
 John Chen and F. Chong (St. Teresa's).
 lost to Eardley and Beavan... 13-21
 beat Smith and Maynard... 21-15
 lost to F. and D. Kwok... 21-10
 Austin, Ho and J. Lum (St. Teresa's).
 lost to Eardley and Beavan... 7-21
 lost to Smith and Maynard... 22-24
 lost to F. and D. Kwok... 8-21

K. Tong Just Lose With Four Men

At Kowloon Tong, Kowloon Tong lost to V.R.C., by 5 games to 4. Owing to the absence of one pair, the home team conceded three games.

R. E. Lee and A. Chan (Kowloon Tong).
 lost to D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-jahn... 9-20
 beat F. Castro and A. A. Guterres... 21-15
 beat A. K. Rumjahn and J. Sousa... 21-14
 B. P. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong).
 lost to Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn... 14-21
 beat Castro and Guterres... 21-16
 beat A. K. Rumjahn and Sousa... 21-10

Easy Recreio Win

At King's Park, Recreio beat K.C.C., by 8 games to 1. The visitors' only success was registered by A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, who beat the powerful Barros-Xavier combination by 21-17.



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BURFORD—REPLACEMENT—WAS OFFERED FOR S'HAH \$2,000.00

PROVES TO BE REAL CHAMPION

THE RACE FOR THE Champion Stakes yesterday was nothing like as thrilling as the Derby, when Mr. Eric Moller's Satinlight beat Quartermaster's Burford by half a length in record time. Once Burford had taken the lead at the foot of the stands the race was as good as over, and the Quartermaster crack finished with plenty in reserve, four lengths ahead of Satinlight, which was again ridden very powerfully by Mr. Moller, in record time.

There is no question about it—Burford is the better pony when fit, though its deformed fetlock may give trouble at any moment, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Bernard Brown fully deserved the unusually hearty ovation they received when they led in the champion, while Mr. H. C. Pih, one of the cleverest riders in Hongkong, is to be congratulated on the manner in which he rode the pony to victory.

The new champion is a little stiff in the shoulder this morning, but is otherwise in excellent shape after its gruelling race. It caused some surprise when it was seen that Navylight or Spiclight was not starting as it was thought that Mr. Moller, with a big string of class ponies in his stable, would have sent out a second candidate in order that he might be more or less in a position to dictate how the race was to be run to Satinlight's best advantage. There was some talk on Tuesday night of Mr. Gram riding Navylight, but apparently he was unavailable.

Burford, like Silky, the 1938 Derby and Champions winner, was offered to Mr. B. W. Bradbury, but his connections in Shanghai again advised against accepting what they considered an unsound animal, and before it was sent to Hong Kong—as a replacement for a poor 1939 pony—it is reported to have been offered in Shanghai for \$2,000.00 in Shanghai currency!

Dunbar Sprint Menace

MOUNT HOPE BAY, half a length behind Spiclight in the record-breaking race for the Chater Cup on Tuesday, continued to show great promise as a sprinter yesterday, when it won the Grand Stand Stakes in 12 2/5 secs. better time than Spiclight's record in the Maiden Stakes. There is going to be a rare tussle when these two meet again over half a mile and 170 yards and six furlongs, and it would occasion no surprise if the Dunbar entry won fairly comfortably.

MR. CHIU KI-FAN rode a nice race on Bogey, judging his challenge to perfection. More should be heard of him in races for Novices. It must, however, be remembered that Bogey had a weight advantage of 21 lb. over the second pony, Gog.

Gretber Improving

GRETBER is showing improvement, as witness its dead-heat first with Racylight in the Hopeful Stakes. The Moller pony had been regarded solely as a sprinter, but it put up an amazingly good show under the expert guidance of Mr. Moller—the more one sees of him the more one is convinced that he has forgotten more than most jockeys riding to-day ever learned—and it just held off Gretber's challenge. Another five yards and the Marber candidate would have had the stakes to itself.

Soldier Of Britain Back

MORE is going to be heard of Choice's Vanity Fair. It was only pipped on the post by Viceroy in the Blue Mountains Plate.

Courting Eve, after a disappointing run in the Bendigo Handicap over six furlongs on Saturday, came into its own in the Adelaide Handicap, which it won in only two-fifths of a second outside Strathroy's record, though it was running light at 147 lb.

Dupont Bay fared very disappointingly in the Griffins Consolation Stakes and is not nearly as good as one would be led to believe when looking at it.

Soldier of Britain, the last of Mr. Li Shu-pang's Soldier stable, ran very nicely in the Soochow Handicap, and it may yet win again. It did not place in one of its six outings last year.

Among The Jockeys

MESSRS. H. M. Botelho and Ip Kuy-ying broke their "ducks" yesterday, while Mr. Y. T. Fung rode for the first time this meeting. The Jockey Cup, open to only Novice riders, attracted newcomers in Messrs. Chiu Ki-tan, F. A. Sequeira, G. W. Cooper, R.

Sleep, O. R. Sadick, Lo G. Hin, H. A. de B. Botelho, R. K. C. Chui, T. W. Chattey and Yeung Wing-sing.

Riders who did not take part yesterday were Messrs. B. L. Tao, who is undergoing a short period of suspension, F. Marshall, Ho Hong-pang, S. Judah, S. W. Tang, C. F. Chiu and I. H. Howell.

Bradbury Stable Get Going

THE Bradbury stable—Marber I and II—broke their "duck" yesterday, having two wins and a third, while Cocoa, Vilaja and J. G. Whittaker both recorded their first wins. Mrs. B. Hall joined the list of successful lady owners—there are now seven in the leading owners' list—and Cal, L.T.F., Sunnyside and A.H.P. entered the owners' list with one win each.

Eight Records Go

THEY say records are made to be broken. The following eight records were shattered during the first four days:

CHINA PONIES:

- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards—1.04.3, by Cire's Racylight (Mr. Moller) in the race for the Lusitano Cup. This bettered Desert Chief's record by two-fifths of a second.
- 1/2 Mile 170 Yards—1.02.4, by Cire's Spiclight (Mr. Moller) in the race for the Chater Cup. This bettered Racylight's record by one and four-fifths seconds.
- 6 Furlongs—1.22.4, by Cire's Spiclight (Mr. Moller) in the Maiden Stakes. This bettered Rose Elect's record by one second.
- 6 Furlongs—1.21.2, by L. Dunbar's Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Black) in the Grand Stand Stakes. This bettered Spiclight's record by one and two-fifths seconds.
- 1 Mile—1.51.2, by Quartermaster's Burford (Mr. Pih) in the Racing Stakes. This bettered Confusion Bay's record by two and three-fifths seconds.
- 1 1/4 Miles—2.20.4, by Quartermaster's Burford (Mr. Pih) in the Champion Stakes. This bettered Silky's record by three-fifths of a second.
- 1 1/2 Miles—2.50.4, by Cire's Satinlight (Mr. Moller) in the Hong Kong Derby. This bettered Rose Elect's record by four and three-fifths seconds.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES:

- 1 1/2 Miles—2.41.4, by Lan's Far View (Mr. Pih) in the Rooter-Hill Derby. This bettered Gypsy Love's record by one and four-fifths seconds.
- In the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) Mr. Li Lan-sang's Far View (Mr. Pih) equalled Courting Eve's track record for six furlongs, finishing in 24.4.

Stakes Winners

FOLLOWING are the stakes winners, giving the owner's name in brackets:

CHINA PONIES

Satinlight (Cire)	5,176
Burford (Quartermaster)	5,136
Spiclight (Cire)	2,250
Racylight (Cire)	1,700
Mount Hope Bay (L. Dunbar)	1,650
Confusion Bay (L. Dunbar)	1,632
Eve of Harvest (Eve)	1,527
Craigavad (Mrs. Taggart)	1,218
Gretber (Marber)	1,100
Possible (Tang Man Wa)	1,050
Strathbannock (J. F. Macgregor)	1,050
Guinness Time (H. Leigh)	1,050
Clember (Marber I)	1,000
Navylight (Cire)	850
Tampa Bay (Wei)	750
Musketeer (Fans)	750
Eve of Heaven (Eve)	750
Lancashire Lass (Yick Chim)	750
This Time (Li Po-chun)	750
Phoenix (Unicorn)	750
National Pride (Cal)	750
Bogey (Sunnyside)	750
King Kong (Cocoa)	725
Clowner (J. G. Whittaker)	600
Boat Bay (S. W. Lee)	550
Lililber (Marber)	550
Silverdale (A.H.P.)	525
White Diamond (Diamonds)	500
Catie Star (S.L.K.)	500
Rose Evelyn (Eu Tong-sen)	500
Q-Lan (T.E.L.)	400
Oak Bay (Mrs. Stanton)	300
Emergency Call (Kia Ora)	300



Mr. Peter Wei photographed with the Royal Navy Cup after he had won on Mr. H. Leigh's Guinness Time by three lengths from Mr. J. F. Macgregor's Strathbannock, which was taken out by Mr. Black at 171lb.

Night View (Lan)	300
Gog (Mrs. B. Hall)	300
Humdrum Eve (Lan)	250
Dupont Bay (L. Dunbar)	250
Eve of Folly (Eve)	250
For All Time (Li Po-chun)	250
Johnber (Marber I)	250
Galveston Bay (L. Dunbar)	200
Peaceful View (Lan)	200
Bear Claw (Mrs. Dunbar)	200
Some Hope (Lucky)	200
Bressay (T. & E.)	200
Rose-Queen (Billy)	200
Valorous (Helenside)	200
Salvage Master (Wong Sui Ngau)	200
Soldier of Britain (Li Shu-pang)	200

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Far View (Lan)	3,773
Sapper (Mrs. Grasett)	1,971
Melody Star (S.M.K.)	1,400
Contact (Elandee)	1,400
Australian Diamond (Diamonds)	1,250
Viceroy (Vilaja)	1,200
Lucky Lad (Lucky)	1,100
Sparrow (Yly)	1,000
Amicus Curiae (Lee Bros.)	1,050
Baffin Bay (L. Dunbar)	850
Lucky Lady (Lucky)	750
Lancashire Chips (Mrs. Taggart)	750
Ruby Star (E.S.K.)	750
Murrumbidgee (Gredka)	750
Sydney Lad (Lucky)	750
Ajax (L.T.F.)	750
Courting Eve (Lan)	750
Brutus (G. Treverton)	700
Flying Dutchman (Neerlandia)	700
Sea Jay (S. T. Williamson)	500
Albury (Mrs. Eu Tong-sen)	500
Pumpernickel (J. H. Jessen)	500
Ascot Day (Dr. S. N. Chau)	400
Spring Shine (Y.H.)	400
Vanity Fair (Choice)	400
Criffel (John Peel)	300
Tornado Star (C.W.K.)	300
A Roaring Time (Li Shu-hang)	300
Happy Landings (Elandee)	300
Heinz (Mrs. Stanton)	250
Busylight (Cire)	250
Discovery Bay (Li Shu-hang)	250
Twilight Star (C.W.K.)	250
Princess Claro (L.W.S.)	250
Chiltern (Mrs. Eu Tong-sen)	250
Tornado Star (C.W.K.)	200
Double Finesse (S. W. Lee)	200
Devonlan (Lady Northcote)	200
Violet Queen (Cocoa)	200
Annabella (Cocoa)	200
Derby Day (Dr. S. N. Chau)	200

Miscellanea

FOLLOWING have been the highest dividends paid:

- \$281.20—Ajax (Mr. Liang), Ladies' Purse. It also paid \$60.90 for a place.
- \$100.90—National Pride (Mr. H. M. Botelho), Soochow Handicap.
- \$55.90—Amicus Curiae (Mr. Gram), Perth Plate (second section).
- \$52.70—Navylight (Mr. Moller), Challenge Cup.
- \$51.80—Bogey (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan), Jockey Cup.

FOLLOWING have been the "Daily Double" Dividends:

- \$87.30—This Time (Mr. Wei) and Phoenix (Mr. Liang).
- \$70.40—Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa) and Lancashire Lass (Mr. Chao).
- \$25.40—King Kong (Mr. Chao) and Courting Eve (Mr. Pih).
- \$17.40—Satinlight (Mr. Moller) and Strathbannock (Mr. Black).

THERE have been four races in which there has been a dead-heat for first place and three in which ponies have dead-heated for second place. The following is how races have been won: dead-heat four times, short-head (8), neck (2), 1/4 length (2), 1/2 length (1), 1 1/2 lengths (3), 2 lengths (4), 2 1/2 lengths (1), 3 lengths (2), 4 lengths (5), 5 lengths (3), 6 lengths (7), and many lengths once.

First places in the 43 races have been divided between 33 owners and 18 jockeys.

LEADING JOCKEYS & OWNERS

Following shows how the jockeys and owners fared during the first four days of the Annual Race Meeting:

Jockeys

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
R. B. Moller	7	1	1	0
D. Black	5	4	4	21
H. C. Pih	5	3	8	19
P. Y. T. Wei	4	5	2	16
L. B. Chao	4	2	4	12
H. J. A. Hearne	4	1	4	9
V. V. Needa	3	3	2	15
S. C. Liang	3	1	1	12
C. Encarnacao	2	4	5	15
G. P. Gram	2	4	1	15
B. A. Proulx	1	3	4	11
W. H. S. Davis	1	3	0	3
F. Marshall	1	2	2	7
S. W. Pan	1	1	2	14
Ip Kui Ying	1	1	1	6
B. L. Tao	1	1	0	14
H. M. Botelho	1	0	1	13
Chiu Ki Fan	1	0	0	1
Tang Man Wa	0	2	0	3
O. R. Sadick	0	1	0	0
Y. T. Fung	0	0	1	0
R. M. Wood	0	0	1	4
W. G. Poy	0	0	1	19
Ho Hong Pong	0	0	0	1
S. Judah	0	0	0	1
F. A. Sequeira	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	1
R. Sleep	0	0	0	1
Lo G. Hin	0	0	0	1
H. A. de B. Botelho	0	0	0	1
R. K. C. Chui	0	0	0	1
T. W. Chattey	0	0	0	1
Yeung Wing Sing	0	0	0	1
H. J. Cowle	0	0	0	2
G. Treverton	0	0	0	2
S. W. Tang	0	0	0	2
K. W. Fung	0	0	0	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	3
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	3
Ho Hong Ping	0	0	0	6
C. F. Chiu	0	0	0	6
I. H. Howell	0	0	0	6
Ho Pak Ming	0	0	0	12
S. L. Yuen	0	0	0	16

Owners

	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	7	1	2
L. Dunbar	3	3	4
Lan	3	2	1
Lucky	3	0	3
Eve	2	1	2
Quartermaster	2	1	0
Marber	1	3	0
Mrs. J. H. Taggart	1	2	1
Elandee	1	2	0
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	1	1	0
J. F. Macgregor	1	1	0
S. M. K.	1	1	0
Yly	1	1	0
Marber I	1	1	0
Diamonds	1	0	2
Cocoa	1	0	2
Lee Bros.	1	0	1
Li Po Chun	1	0	1
Vilaja	1	0	1
J. G. Whittaker	1	0	1
Iron	1	0	0
Fans	1	0	0
G. Treverton	1	0	0
Yick Chim	1	0	0
E. S. K.	1	0	0
Gredka	1	0	0
H. Leigh	1	0	0
Neerlandia	1	0	0
Unicorn	1	0	0
Cal	1	0	0
L. T. F.	1	0	0
Sunnyside	1	0	0
A. H. P.	1	0	0
C. W. K.	0	3	0
Tang Man Wa	0	2	1
S. W. Lee	0	2	1
Mrs. Stanton	0	2	0
Li Shu Hang	0	2	0
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	0	1	2
Dr. S. N. Chau	0	1	1
S. L. K.	0	1	1
J. H. Jessen	0	1	1
Eu Tong-sen	0	1	1
John Peel	0	1	0
H. Leigh	0	1	0
Kia Ora	0	1	0
T. K. L.	0	1	0
Y. H.	0	1	0
Choice	0	1	0
Mrs. B. Hall	0	1	0
S. T. Williamson	0	0	2
Lady Northcote	0	0	1
Mrs. Dunbar	0	0	1
T. & E.	0	0	1
L. W. S.	0	0	1
Wong Sui Ngau	0	0	1
Helenside	0	0	1
Billy	0	0	1
Li Shu Pang	0	0	1

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MAJOR R.D. WALKER 'KEEPS' AFTER 27 YEARS

ALTHOUGH MARRED a great deal by a persistent if light drizzle, the last match of the Volunteer Cricket Week played at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday between Officers and Men, proved most entertaining.

Result was a draw, the closing stages of the Men's innings being featured by the efforts of H. Owen Hughes to take his 10th. wicket and the skilful manner in which R. M. M. King avoided the bowling and thus—so it was rudely suggested—his third duck in three days!

If the match the previous day against K.C.C. produced some good catching, yesterday's revealed some interesting statistics, apart from fine innings by D. J. N. Anderson, E. J. R. Mitchell and S. V. Gittins,

for the Officers, D. de S. Carey for the Men, and, of course, the deadly bowling of Owen Hughes.

In the course of the afternoon it was learned that R. D. Walker, who kept wicket most creditably for the Officers, had not had the gloves on since 1913.

Also, when F. B. Zimmern put up a sitter to Anderson at cover, the bowler, J. S. Hardy-Scott had practically decided on what form of celebration befitted his first wicket in eight years, when Anderson put the chance down!

Hardy-Scott, however, from what could be seen through the murk, bowled quite well and has evidently played quite good cricket at some time or other.

From a serious point of view Anderson's innings was one of his best for some time. His leg shots and square-cutting being beautifully timed. Mitchell also revealed great defensive ability in his undefeated knock of 55 and, on his showing, is still a long way above Second Division standard.

Gittins surprised himself and everyone else by his innings of 38 not out. So far as is known this was the first occasion this season that he had handled a bat. Last season, with constant

practice, he failed to top the 20 mark!

OWEN HUGHES UNFORTUNATE
Owen Hughes kept a good length and made the ball whip off the greasy surface. His best ball—with which he took most of his wickets—pitched just outside the leg stump and broke sharply across to take the middle or off stumps. He was unfortunate in not securing his 10th. wicket as Divett was given the benefit of a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket.

It is rumoured that Umpire Cooke's military career is not now worth two-pence!

Following the match the Officers were at home to the men until 7 o'clock—very sharp!

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940**

17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February.

On SATURDAY, 17th, MONDAY, 19th, TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On SATURDAY, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB**TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1940**

Entries close on SATURDAY, 24th February, 1940, at 6 p.m.

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4231.	Between To Kwa Wan Road, and Ha Hung Road, South West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4148.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 26,500	\$498	\$19,875
			As per sale plan						

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Rural Building Lot No. 493.	Opposite Rural Building Lot No. 187, Island Road, Tytam.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 15,000	\$172	\$3,750
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Garden Lot No. 113.	Mount Cameron Road, Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 420.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,000	\$15	\$400
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SOVIET DESIGNS ON THE MOSUL OIL-FIELDS

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Cairo, To-day.

SOVIET DESIGNS ON the Mosul oil-fields are seen by the newspaper "Al Ahram," which publishes reports from Ankara to the effect that the Red Army is now engaged in large-scale military preparations under the technical guidance of German engineers all along the Soviet-Turkish and Soviet-Iranian borders.

NEW SHARE ISSUE BY ELECTRIC CO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

tric Co. Ltd., inform us that, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held this morning, it was decided to recommend to shareholders that the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

The Directors will further recommend to Shareholders the issue of a Capital Bonus of one fully paid share for every two shares held by Shareholders on the Register as on 1st July 1940 and that such Bonus should be effected by capitalising \$3,000,000 of the Company's Reserve Fund and that such shares should rank for dividends

The newspaper says this might bring about a Near Eastern conflict, a development which was alluded to in the recent talks between President Ismet Inonu of Turkey and the Turkish Defence Minister, Marshal Fewzi Chakmak.

The journal also recalls recent declarations of the Aga Khan about the repercussions in India of a possible Soviet attack on Iran and Afghanistan.

"A Soviet army attempt to cross those two countries would meet with very great difficulties but its danger upon India would mainly depend upon the efficiency of the Soviet air force."

The newspaper concludes by expressing doubts as to the possibility of war between the Soviet and the Allies.—Havas.

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The total number of aliens registered for immigration at U.S. consular offices in June last includes 309,000 from Germany proper; 115,000 from pre-war Poland and 51,000 from Czecho-Slovakia.

It is understood that since June the total registrations for Germany have risen still higher. — Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

Little news is filtering through from the Karelian Isthmus but it is believed that the Russians are continuing the attacks against the new Finnish positions.

The battle continued late on Tuesday night by moonlight but everywhere the Russians were repulsed.

It now seems certain that the Red Army will not celebrate its twenty-second anniversary on Friday by entering Viborg, the objective of the offensive.

The Finns are now well entrenched in new positions which are considered much stronger than those conceded to the Russians, and it is understood that the ground given up by the Finns does not exceed five miles in depth. — Reuter.

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